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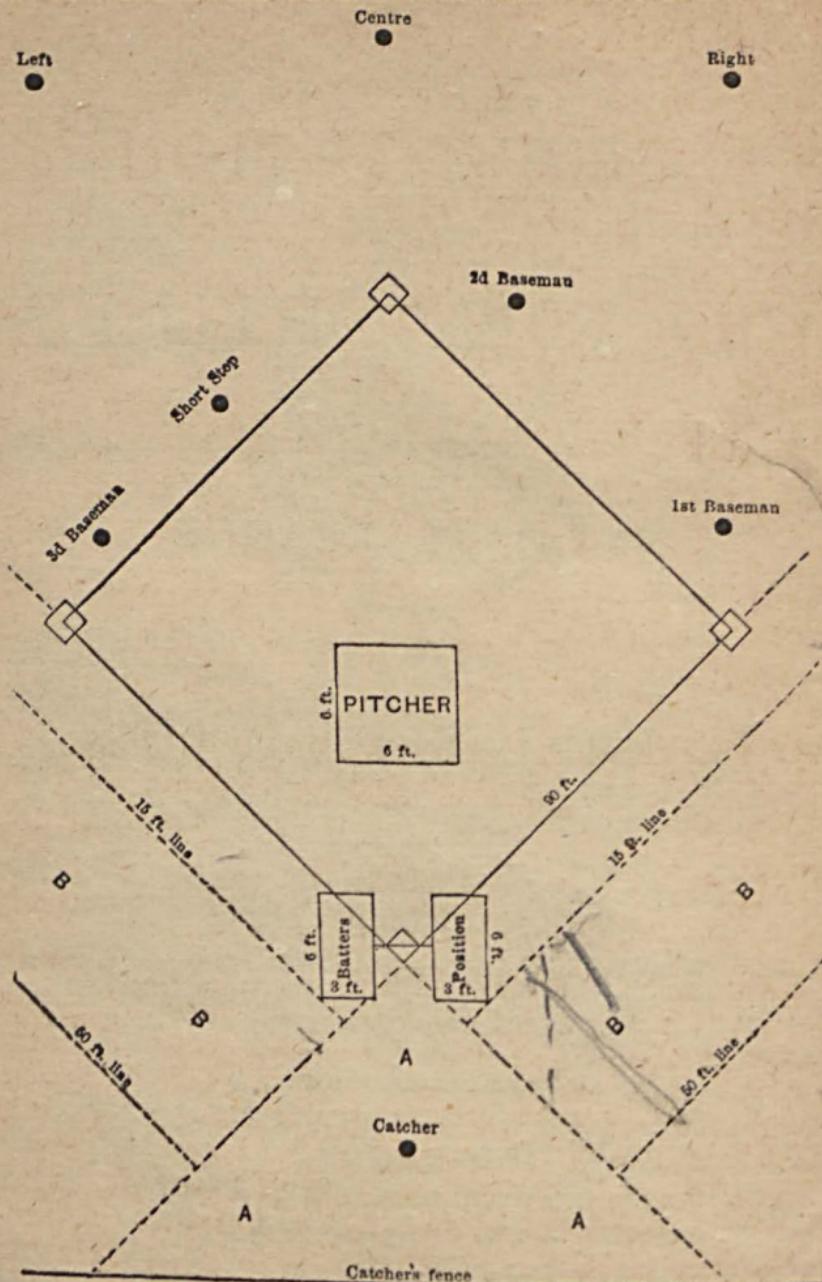
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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

NATIONAL LEAGUE

OF

PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS

1878.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

This Association shall be called "THE NAME.
NATIONAL LEAGUE OF PROFESSIONAL BASE
BALL CLUBS."

ARTICLE II.

OBJECTS.

The objects of this League are:

1st. To encourage, foster and elevate the game of base ball; to enact and enforce proper rules for the exhibition and conduct of the game, and to make base ball playing respectable and honorable.

2d. To protect and promote the mutual interests of professional base ball clubs and professional base ball players; and

3d. To establish and regulate the base ball championship of the United States.

Objects.

ARTICLE III.

MEMBERSHIP.

Membership. This League shall consist of the following named Professional Base Ball Clubs, namely:

Boston B. B. Ass'n, of Boston, Mass.

Chicago Ball Club, of Chicago, Ill.

Cincinnati B. B. Ass'n, of Cincinnati, O.

Indianapolis B. B. Ass'n, of Indianapolis, Ind.

Louisville B. B. Club, of Louisville, Ky.

Milwaukee B. B. Club, of Milwaukee, Wis.

And such other professional base ball clubs as may from time to time be elected to membership under the following rules, namely:

1. No club shall be admitted from either of the cities above named other than the clubs mentioned, except in the event that either of such clubs shall lose its membership, and in no event shall there be more than one club from any city.

2. No club shall be admitted from any city whose population is less than seventy-five thousand (75,000), except by unanimous vote of the League.

3. No club shall be admitted unless it shall first have delivered to the Secretary of the League, at least five days before the annual meeting, a written application for membership, signed by its President and Secretary, accompanied by documents showing that such club bears the name of the city in which it is located, and that it is regularly organized and officered, and (where the State law permits it) chartered, and accompanied also by a pledge that it will keep all its engagements with the clubs members of the League, and that it has not in its employ any player who has been dismissed or expelled by the League or any club member thereof; and the Secretary shall refer such application to the Board at its annual meeting.

4. The voting upon an application for membership shall be by white and black balls. Two black balls shall be sufficient to exclude the applicant, and no club shall be required, under any circumstances, to state how it voted upon such application. Such election shall take place at the annual meeting of the League; provided, that should any eligible club desire to join the League after the adjournment of the annual meeting and before March 1st following, it may make application in writing to the Secretary of the League, who shall at once communicate such application, together with any facts in his possession concerning such applicant, to all League clubs, each of whom shall, within ten days, transmit one written ballot for or against the admission of such applicant to the Secretary, and if two adverse ballots be not cast, then the Secretary shall, upon receipt of the annual dues, notify such club of its election.

ARTICLE IV.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. At its annual meeting, the League shall elect a President by ballot. The President shall be ex-officio chairman of the Board of Directors. He shall preside at all meetings of the League, and shall call special meetings of the League when he may deem it necessary, or when thereto requested by half of the clubs of the League.

SEC. 2. The affairs of this League shall be conducted and controlled by five Directors, who shall constitute "The Board," and who shall consist of the President and four members, to be chosen at the annual meeting in the following manner: The name of each club, except that of which the President is a member, shall be

plainly written upon a card, in full view of the delegates present, by the Secretary; the cards to be of the same size, shape, color and material. The cards shall then be placed in some suitable receptacle and well shaken together; thereupon four of these cards shall be drawn successively, and at random, and one delegate from each of the four clubs whose names are so drawn shall, with the President, compose the Board, and if any club whose name is thus drawn be represented by two delegates, such delegation shall name one of its number to be a member of the Board.

SEC. 3. The Board shall also elect a gentleman of intelligence, honesty and good repute, who is versed in base ball matters, but who is not, in any manner, connected with the press, and who is not a member of any professional base ball club either in or out of the League, to be the Secretary of the Board and of the League.

The Secretary shall be the Treasurer of the League, and as such shall be the custodian of all the funds of the League, receive all dues, fees and assessments, make such payments as may be ordered by the Board or by vote of the League, and render annually a report of his accounts.

He shall have the custody and care of the official records and papers of the League; shall keep a true record of all meetings of the League and the Board; shall issue all official notices and attend to the necessary correspondence; he shall prepare and furnish such reports as may be called for by the Board, and shall be entitled to such books, stationery, blanks and materials as the actual duties of his office may require.

He shall receive such salary as the League, by vote, shall determine, and shall be reimbursed for all traveling expenses actually incurred by him in the service of the League; and the

Secretary
and
Treasurer.

Treasurer's
Duties.

Secretary's
Duties.

Salary.

Board may exact from him such guarantees for the faithful performance of his duties as they may deem for the interest and safety of the League.

Guarantees.

At the expiration of his term of office, he shall account for and deliver up to the Board all of the property and papers which may have come into his hands by virtue of his office.

SEC. 4. In case of a vacancy in the Board by reason of the death, resignation, absence, or disqualification of any director, the club of which he was a member at the time he was chosen shall designate his successor, and at once notify the Secretary. But if such vacancy is caused by the withdrawal, disbanding or disqualification of a club represented on the Board, the Board may fill the vacancy by election in the same manner as provided for the election of Directors in Article IV, Section 1, of this Constitution.

Vacancy in
the Board.

No person shall be qualified to act as a director who is not an actual member of the club he represents; nor shall any club, under any circumstances, be represented by more than one person on the Board.

Directors'
Qualifica-
tions.

SEC. 5. The Board shall have the general supervision and management of all the affairs and business of the League, and shall be individually answerable to the League for the faithful discharge of their trust.

Board's
Duties.

The Board shall meet annually on the evening of the first Tuesday in December, at the place where the annual meeting of the League is to be held, but may hold special meetings whenever urgent necessity may require. They shall prepare a detailed report of all their doings, and present the same in writing to the League at its annual meeting, which report shall, if accepted, be filed with the Secretary, together

Annual
Meeting of
Board, and
Report.

with all official papers, documents and property which may have come into their possession by virtue of their office.

Penalty.

Any director who shall disclose or publish any of the proceedings of the Board, except officially through the report of the Board, or when called upon by vote of the League, shall forfeit his office.

ARTICLE V.

CLUBS.

Clubs.

SECTION 1. Each club belonging to this League shall have the right to regulate its own affairs, to make its own contracts, to establish its own rules, and to discipline, punish, or expel its own players, and these powers shall not be limited to cases of dishonest play or open insubordination, but shall include all questions of carelessness, indifference, or other conduct of the player that may be regarded by the club as prejudicial to its interests: *Provided*, That nothing shall be done in violation of, or contrary to this Constitution or the Playing Rules.

Employ-
ment of
Expelled
Players
Forbidden.

SEC. 2. No club shall employ as manager, scorer or player any person who has willfully violated any provision of this Constitution or the Playing Rules, or who has been expelled from any club belonging to this League, or who shall be disqualified from playing with a club under any provision of this Constitution; and any club which shall employ or play, or attempt to play, in its name, a player disqualified by any provision of this Constitution, shall at once forfeit its membership in the League, and all other clubs must and shall, under the penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or reelected to membership.

SEC. 3. Any club having agreed to play a championship game with another club upon a day certain, and refusing or failing to meet its engagement, shall (unless the failure be caused by an unavoidable accident in traveling, or the game be prevented by rain, or postponed with the consent, in writing, of the other clubs,) at once forfeit its membership in the League, and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or reelected to membership.

SEC. 4. In any case subject to the provisions of Sections 2 or 3 of this Article, the club not in default shall at once notify the Secretary of the League by writing or telegraph of the default of the other club, stating the particulars of such default, and upon the receipt of such notice the Secretary shall at once notify all League clubs, and the club in default, of the forfeiture of membership of such club, stating in such notice the nature of the default and referring to the Section of this Article under which such forfeiture of membership was incurred.

SEC. 5. Any player, under contract with a League club, who shall, without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or who shall be proven guilty of offering, agreeing, conspiring, or attempting to lose any game of ball, or of being interested in any pool or wager thereon, or of any dishonorable or disreputable conduct, shall be at once expelled by such club.

SEC. 6. If any club shall take part in any game of ball on Sunday, or if it shall fail to immediately expel any man under contract with it for taking part in such game as player, umpire or scorer; then, and in either of these cases, the

club shall forfeit its membership in the League and the Board shall, after calling for and considering the defence of the club, if any be furnished within ten days after being called for by the Chairman of the Board, direct the Secretary, and he shall at once notify all League clubs of the forfeiture of membership of any club convicted of such offence, and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club (after the receipt of such notice,) until it shall have been reinstated or reelected to membership.

SEC. 7. Every club member of this League shall have exclusive control of the city in which it is located, and of the territory surrounding such city to the extent of five miles in every direction, and no visiting League club shall, under any circumstances—not even with the consent of the local League club, until all League championship games on that ground shall have been finished—be allowed to play any club in such territory other than the League club therein located.

Membership.

SEC. 8. The players and managers employed by the clubs belonging to this League shall be considered and treated as members hereof to the extent of being always amenable to the provisions of this Constitution, and entitled to all its privileges in matters of dispute, grievance or discipline, as provided in this Constitution.

SEC. 9. No game of ball shall be played between a League club and any other club employing or presenting in its nine a player expelled from the League.

ARTICLE VI.

DUES AND ASSESSMENTS.

SECTION 1. Every club shall pay to the Secretary of the League, on or before the first day of May of each year, the sum of One Hundred Dollars as annual dues, and any club failing to pay said sum by such time shall thereby forfeit its membership in the League, and the Secretary of the League shall notify all League clubs of such forfeiture of membership, by telegraph on said first day of May, and all other League clubs must and shall, under penalty of the forfeiture of their membership in the League, abstain from playing any such club until it shall have been reinstated or reelected to membership.

ARTICLE VII.

FORFEITING MEMBERSHIP.

The membership of any club belonging to this League shall be forfeited under the following circumstances, namely :

Forfeiting
Membership.

1st. By voluntary withdrawal or disbandment.

2d. By failing or refusing to comply with any lawful requirement or order of the Board.

3d. By willfully violating any provision of this Constitution, or the Playing Rules adopted hereunder: *Provided*, That in all cases where this Constitution does not specifically inflict immediate forfeiture of membership, such forfeiture shall be subject to a two-thirds vote of the League at its annual meeting, and no club which has forfeited its membership shall be readmitted except by unanimous vote of the League.

ARTICLE VIII.

DISPUTES AND COMPLAINTS.

Disputes
and
Complaints.

SECTION 1. The Board of Directors shall at once consider any complaint preferred by a club against a player of another club for conduct in violation of any provision of this Constitution or prejudicial to the good repute of the game of base ball, and shall have power to require the club to which such player may belong to discipline him, and, upon repetition of such offense, to expel him: *Provided*, That such complaint be preferred in writing, giving such particulars as may enable the Board to ascertain all the facts, and be transmitted to the Secretary, by whom it shall at once be referred to the Board.

Disputes be-
tween Clubs,
involving
Construction
of this
Constitution

SEC. 2. The Board shall be the sole tribunal to determine disputes between two or more clubs which involve the interpretation or construction of this Constitution, or any of its Articles, and facts in controversy. When such a dispute arises, and either club shall signify to the other its desire for the Board to decide the matter, each club shall furnish to the Secretary, as soon as possible, a written statement of its side of the dispute, with the names of its witnesses, or an agreed statement of facts, if possible, which the Secretary shall docket in the order of its reception, and at the next annual meeting the clubs shall present themselves before the Board with their testimony, and the Board shall proceed to try the case impartially and render a true verdict. The Board shall have a right to put the witnesses under oath, and must do so if demanded thereto by either party. No director shall sit on the trial of a cause in which his club is interested, but must retire and permit the others alone to determine the matter. The finding of

the Board, in such a case, shall be *final*, and under no circumstances shall be reconsidered, reopened or inquired into, either by the League or any subsequent Board: *Provided*, That in case the matter in dispute shall involve the forfeiture of membership of a League club during the playing season, the Board shall, if appealed to by such club through the Secretary of the League, forthwith determine the matter, but, in such case, the members of the Board shall (unless the ends of justice may seem to them to require a meeting) determine such question by conference with each other by written correspondence.

SEC. 3. The Board shall also be the sole tribunal for the hearing of an appeal made by any player who shall have been expelled by his club, or for an alleged breach of contract. The matter shall be proceeded with in the following manner. The player shall file with the Secretary a written statement of his defence, accompanied by a request that an appeal be allowed him. The Secretary shall notify the club of the request for appeal, accompanying such notice with a copy of the player's statement, and at the next annual meeting the club and the player shall appear before the Board with their testimony. The Board shall impartially hear the matter and render their decision, which shall be *final* and forever binding on both club and player. In the event the club appealed from is represented in the Board, that representative shall not be allowed to sit in the matter.

SEC. 4. The expense of all trials and arbitrations shall be equally borne by the parties litigant.

Player's
Appeal
from his
Club.

Expenses.

ARTICLE IX.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Annual Meeting.

SECTION 1. The annual meeting of the League shall be held on the first Wednesday after the first Tuesday in December of each year, at twelve o'clock noon, and at such place as shall be determined by vote at the previous annual meeting. ~~The annual meeting shall not be held in any city where a club member of the League is located; but shall be held in some easily accessible place, and, as near as may be, equidistant from the several club members.~~

SEC. 2. At such meeting each club shall be entitled to two representatives, ~~who~~ shall present a certificate from the President or Secretary of their club, showing their authority to act; but no club shall have more than one vote.

A representation of a majority of clubs shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, but a less number may adjourn from time to time until a quorum is obtained.

SEC. 3. The following shall be the order of business.

- 1st—Reading minutes of last meeting.
- 2d—Report of Board of Directors.
- 3d—Miscellaneous business.
- 4th—Amendment of Constitution.
- 5th—Amendment of Playing Rules.
- 6th—Election of new members.
- 7th—Election of officers.
- 8th—Adjournment.

ARTICLE X.

PLAYING RULES.

Playing Rules.

The League at its first meeting shall adopt a code of Playing Rules, which may be altered, amended or abolished at any subsequent annual meeting.

ARTICLE XI.

CONTRACTS.

SECTION 1. Contracts hereafter made between the clubs, members of this League, and their players shall be made under and in view of the following provisions:

No club shall be prevented from contracting with a player for the reason that he is already under contract with another club: *Provided,* The service to be rendered under the second contract is not to begin until the expiration of the first contract.

No formal words of contract shall be required. It shall be sufficient if the contract be made in writing, be dated, specify the time, indicate the service, and be signed by the player and some officer or recognized agent of the club and one witness.

Every contract made after Jan. 1, 1877, shall contain the following stipulations: "It is also agreed by the parties hereto that this contract shall not be valid or binding until the receipt by the Secretary of 'The National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs' of a notification, signed by the parties hereto, of the making of this contract; and it is further agreed that should the club party hereto lose its membership in said 'National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs' at any time before the expiration of the period covered by this contract, then, immediately upon such loss of membership, the mutual contract obligations of the parties hereto shall at once cease and terminate."

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of a club, as soon as it shall have entered into a contract with a player, to file a notification of the same, stating therein that the provisions of Section 1 of this Article have been complied with, and

Contracts.

Contracts
may be
made at
any time.No formality
necessary.Requisites of
Contract.Notice to
Secretary.

signed by the club and the player, with the Secretary of the League, who shall endorse thereon the date of its reception, and forthwith notify every other League club of such contract, and no contract shall be valid until the receipt of such notice by the Secretary.

Release of
Players.

SEC. 3. Whenever a club releases a player from his contract or expels him, that club shall at once notify the Secretary of the League in writing, stating, in case of expulsion, the cause thereof, and the Secretary shall forthwith notify all the other clubs.

A player who has been released from his contract, without expulsion, may engage with any other club twenty days thereafter.

Expulsion
final.

No player who has been expelled from a League club, shall, at any time thereafter, be allowed to play with any League club, (either the one expelling him or any other,) unless, upon his appeal to the Board, such expulsion shall have been set aside.

SEC. 4. A player whose contract has expired or become void by reason of his club's disbanding, withdrawing from or losing its membership in the League, may engage for the remainder of the season with any other League club.

ARTICLE XII.

CHAMPIONSHIP.

Champion-
ship.

SECTION 1. The *Championship of the United States*, established by this League, shall be contended for (by the clubs composing this League) under the following rules, namely:

The *championship season* shall extend from the 1st day of May to (and including) the 1st day of November, and no game shall count in the championship series unless played during the championship season.

No game played on Sunday shall count in the championship series.

SEC. 2. Every game played between two clubs from the commencement of the championship season to the completion of the championship series, between such clubs, shall be a game for the championship, (unless played on Sunday,) and no League club shall lend or exchange players, to or with each other, for any game played during the championship season.

SEC. 3 Each club shall play the following number of games with every other club: If six or seven clubs be members of the League on the first day of the championship season, twelve games; if eight or nine clubs, ten games; if ten clubs, eight games; *Provided, however,* That if any game be prevented by rain, or if a tie or drawn game be played, the visiting club shall not be required to extend its stay, or to again visit such city for the sole purpose of playing off such tie or drawn game, or game prevented by rain.

SEC. 4. Each club shall be entitled to have half of the championship series of games with every other club played on its own grounds.

SEC. 5. All games shall be arranged for in writing, and so as to complete the championship series before the expiration of the championship season. Each agreement to play shall provide for an equal number of return games, and specify dates for each game covered by the agreement, which dates shall subsequently be changed only by the written consent of the parties to such agreement.

SEC. 6. No game shall be played between League Clubs or between League and Non-League Clubs, before the commencement of the championship series; no game shall be played between any League Club and any Non-League

Exempting local clubs

Club or picked nine, upon the grounds of any League Club, from the commencement to the completion of the championship series upon such grounds; no game shall be arranged or played between any League and Non-League Clubs or picked nines for or upon any "off days" of the championship series, except as above provided, and upon the following express conditions:

1st. If a League championship game be prevented by rain or unavoidable accident on the day (not counting Sunday) preceding the day agreed upon for such Non-League or picked nine game, then the latter shall be declared off, so as to allow the League clubs to play the championship game on that day.

2d. Such games shall be played under the playing rules of the League, with a League ball to be furnished by the League Club, ~~and umpired by a League umpire, unless the latter requirements be waived by the League Club.~~

SEC. 7. A club shall be entitled to forfeited games—to count in its series as games won by a score of nine runs to none—in cases where the umpire in any championship game shall award the game to such club on account of the violation by the contesting club of any playing rule of this League.

SEC. 8. Drawn, tie and postponed games shall not count in the series in favor of either contestant, but may be played off if sufficient time exist before the close of the season.

SEC. 9. The club which shall have won the greatest number of games in the championship series shall be declared the champion club of the United States for the season in which such games were played. In the event that two or more clubs shall have won the same number of games, then the club which shall have lost the smallest number shall be declared the champion.

The emblem of the championship shall be a pennant (of the national colors), to cost not less than one hundred dollars (\$100). It shall be inscribed with the motto, "Champion Base Ball Club of the United States," with the name of the club and the year in which the title was won; and the champion club shall be entitled to fly the pennant until the close of the ensuing season.

SEC. 10. The championship shall be decided in the following manner, namely:

Within twenty-four hours after every match game played for the championship, the home club shall prepare and forward to the Secretary of the League, a statement containing the full score of the game, according to the system specified in the "Playing Rules," the date, place where played, and the names of the clubs and umpire: *Provided*, That no tie or drawn game shall be considered "a game" for any purpose, nor shall the score thereof be forwarded to the Secretary.

At the close of the season, the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of the games won and lost by each club, according to the statements so sent him (which statements shall be the sole evidence in the matter), and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting. In making the award the Board shall consider:

- 1st. The tabular statement of the Secretary.
- 2d. Forfeited games.
- 3d. Games participated in by clubs which have withdrawn, disbanded or forfeited their membership without completing their championship series with all other League clubs; such games shall be counted to the following extent,

namely: The Board shall ascertain the least number of championship games played by such club with any club remaining in the League, and shall, from the first games participated in during the championship season, by such retired club, count in the series of each League club a similar number of games, and all other games participated in by such retired club shall not be counted in the championship series: *Provided*, That if such retired club shall have failed to play at least one championship game with every League club, all games participated in by it shall be thrown out entirely.

ARTICLE XIII.

THE LEAGUE ALLIANCE.

SECTION 1. Clubs whose organization and conduct are not inconsistent with the objects of this League, as expressed in Article II of its Constitution, and who are also eligible under the provisions of this Article, and who shall have filed with the Secretary of the League an agreement duly executed in the following form, shall be recognized as constituting "the League Alliance."

FORM OF "LEAGUE ALLIANCE" AGREEMENT.

It is Hereby Agreed by the Parties hereto, as follows:

1st. No club that is a party hereto shall employ or play in its nine any player to whose services any other club that is a party hereto may be entitled by contract.

2d. Any player under contract with any club that is a party hereto, who shall, without the written consent of such club, leave its service, or fail to perform his contract, or who shall be proven guilty of disreputable conduct, shall be at once expelled by such club.

3d. No club that is a party hereto shall play any game of ball with any base ball club whatever that shall employ or present in its nine any player that shall have been expelled from any club that is a party hereto for breach of contract or disreputable conduct.

4th. Each club that is a party hereto shall, upon making a contract with a player, *immediately* notify the Secretary of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, such notice to be in writing, signed by the contracting club and the player, and, *in the absence of such notice to such officer, any player shall be deemed to be free from contract obligation.*

5th. Each club that is a party hereto shall, *upon expelling a player from membership, or releasing him from contract,* notify the Secretary of the National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs, and in the absence of such notice to such officer, such player shall be deemed to be a member in good standing of the club whose notice of contract with such player had previously been transmitted to such officer, until the expiration of the term of such contract.

6th. The notices provided for in the two last preceding stipulations are required to be sent to the Secretary of the League, upon the understanding that such officer will, immediately upon their receipt, communicate the same to all league clubs, as well as to all clubs that are parties to this agreement; and in the event of a failure or refusal of such officer to perform such service, or his discontinuance thereof, then the parties hereto shall devise other means for the performance of such service.

7th. All games played by the clubs that are parties hereto shall be played in accordance with the playing rules of the National League.

8th. All disputes that may arise between the clubs that are parties hereto may be submitted to the Board of Directors of the National League for adjudication, in the manner provided for by Sec. IV, Art. XIII, of its Constitution, and the finding of such tribunal shall be final and binding upon the clubs that are parties hereto.

9th. This agreement shall go into effect and be binding upon each club upon the date of its signature by such club.

10th. Each club that is a party hereto shall retain a copy of this agreement, and the original shall be deposited with the Secretary of the National League.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The clubs that are parties hereto have, by their duly authorized representative, signed this agreement on the dates entered opposite their respective signatures.

By

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The Secretary of the "National League of Professional Base Ball Clubs," is hereby authorized to attach the foregoing instrument, bearing our signature, to the original written agreement, of the said text, now in his custody, for the purpose of making the same a part and parcel of such original agreement, binding ourselves and all other clubs parties thereto.

By

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SEC. 2. Each League Alliance Club shall pay to the Secretary of the League, on or before the first day of May of each year, the sum of ten dollars, to pay for postage, correspondence,

printing and other expenses, and any such club failing to pay said sum by such time shall thereby forfeit all the benefits of this Article, and the Secretary shall at once notify all League and League Alliance Clubs of such forfeiture.

SEC. 3. The Secretary shall issue to all League and League Alliance Clubs, the notices provided for in the sixth clause of the League Alliance Agreement, and shall perform such other duties as may devolve upon him in furtherance of the provisions of said agreement.

SEC. 4. The Board shall, if thereunto requested by League Alliance Clubs, adjudicate disputes in the manner provided in Article VIII, so far as the provisions of that Article may be applicable thereto: *Provided*, that all communications must be addressed to the Secretary of the League.

SEC. 5. No League Club shall employ to play in its nine any player to whose services any League Alliance Club is entitled by contract evidenced by written notice to the Secretary, signed by the contracting club and the player.

SEC. 6. The League shall, at its annual meeting, receive and consider any communication from a club or clubs of the League Alliance on matters effecting the interest of such club or clubs, and shall give a hearing to any delegation or delegations therefrom.

SEC. 7. The Secretary shall receive and place on file the score of any game played between two League Alliance Clubs that may be forwarded to him, bearing the certificate of the umpire of such game, and stating the names of each club, the number of runs made by each, and number of innings played, and at the close of the season, the Secretary shall prepare a tabular statement of such games, according to the statement so sent him (which statement

shall be the sole evidence in the matter) and submit the same, with the statements so sent him, to the Board, who shall award the League Alliance Championship to the club which shall have won the greatest number of such games. The Board shall make the award in writing, and report the same to the League at its annual meeting, and the League shall, thereupon, present such club with a suitable emblem of such championship.

SEC. 8. No club that has forfeited its membership in the League, or that is connected with any organization of clubs other than the League or League Alliance, or that presents in its nine any player expelled from the League or League Alliance shall be entitled to the benefits of this Article, and the Secretary shall notify all League and League Alliance clubs of any forfeiture of such benefits that may be incurred by the violation of any provision of this section.

ARTICLE XIV.

FIELD RULES.

Every club in this League shall be bound by the following Field Rules, and must have the same conspicuously posted or placarded upon its grounds, namely: No club shall allow open betting or pool selling upon its grounds, nor in any building owned or occupied by it. No person shall be allowed upon any part of the field during the progress of the game, in addition to those playing and the umpire, (except the managers, scorers) and necessary servants of the two clubs, and such officers of the law as may be present to preserve the peace.

Players in uniform shall not be permitted to seat themselves among the spectators.

The umpire is the sole judge of play, and is entitled to the respect of the spectators, and

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any person hissing or hooting at, or offering any insult or indignity to him, must be promptly ejected from the grounds.

Every club shall furnish sufficient police force upon its own grounds to preserve order, and in the event of a crowd entering the field during the progress of a game, and interfering with the play in any manner, the visiting club may refuse to play further until the field be cleared; and if the ground be not cleared within fifteen minutes thereafter, the visiting club may claim, and shall be entitled, to the game by a score of nine runs to none (no matter what number of innings have been played).

ARTICLE XV.

AMENDMENTS.

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the League at any annual meeting.

PLAYING RULES
OF THE
NATIONAL LEAGUE
OF
PROFESSIONAL BASE-BALL CLUBS.

1878.

RULE 1.—THE MATERIALS OF THE GAME.

The Ball.

SECTION 1. The ball must weigh not less than five nor more than five and one-quarter ounces avoirdupois. It must measure not less than nine nor more than nine and one-quarter inches in circumference. It must be composed of woolen yarn, and shall not contain more than one ounce of vulcanized rubber in mould form, and shall be covered with leather, and to be furnished by the Secretary of the League.

**Furnishing
the Ball.**

SEC. 2. In all games, the ball or balls played with shall be furnished by the home club, and shall become the property of the winning club.

**A Legal
Ball.**

SEC. 3. No ball shall be played with in any championship game unless it is furnished by the Secretary of the League.

**Changing
the Ball.**

SEC. 4. When the ball becomes out of shape, or cut or ripped so as to expose the yarn, or in any way so injured so as to be unfit for fair use, a new ball shall be called for by the umpire at the end of an even innings, at the request of either captain. Should the ball be lost during the game, the umpire shall, at the expiration of five minutes, call for a new ball.

SEC. 5. The bat must be round, and must not exceed two and one-half inches in diameter in the thickest part. It must be made wholly of wood, and shall not exceed forty-two inches in length. Bat.

SEC. 6. The bases must be four in number, and they must be placed and securely fastened upon each corner of a square the sides of which are respectively thirty yards. The bases must be so constructed and placed as to be distinctly seen by the umpire. The first, second and third bases must cover a space equal to fifteen inches square, and the home base one square foot of surface. The first, second and third bases shall be canvas bags, painted white and filled with some soft material. The home base shall be of white marble or stone, so fixed in the ground as to be even with the surface, and wholly within the diamond. One corner of said base shall face the pitcher's position, and two sides shall form part of the foul lines. Bases.

SEC. 7. The base from which the ball is struck shall be designated the home base, and must be directly opposite the second base. The first base must always be that upon the right hand, and the third base that upon the left hand side of the striker when occupying his position at the home base. In all match games, lines connecting the home and first bases, and the home and third bases, and also the lines of the striker's and pitcher's positions, shall be marked by the use of chalk or other suitable material, so as to be distinctly seen by the umpire. The line of the home base shall extend four feet on each side of the base, and shall be drawn through its center and parallel with a line extending from first to third base. The foul lines from first and third bases to home base shall be continued as straight lines to the limits of Position of
the Bases.

the field beyond and back of said home base. The triangular space thus laid off behind the home base shall be for the exclusive use of the catcher, umpire and batsman, and no player of the side at bat (except the batsman) shall be permitted to occupy any portion of such triangular space. Two lines marked in the same way as the foul lines, and parallel with said foul lines, shall be drawn, one fifteen feet and the other fifty feet distant from them, and terminating at the lines bounding the triangular space aforesaid.

RULE II.—THE GAME

The Innings.

SECTION 1. The game shall consist of nine innings to each side, but should the score then be a tie, play shall be continued until a majority of runs for one side, upon an equal number of innings, shall be declared, when the game shall end. All innings shall be concluded w/
the third hand is put out.

Position of Players.

SEC. 2. The choice of first innings shall be determined by the two captains.

The fielders of each club shall take any position in the field their captain may assign them, with the exception of the pitcher, who must deliver the ball from his appointed position.

Substitutes.

SEC. 3. No player taking part in a game shall be replaced by another after the commencement of the second inning, except for reason of illness or injury.

Five Innings necessary.

SEC. 4. No game shall be considered as played unless five innings on each side shall be completed. Should darkness or rain intervene before the third hand is put out in the closing part of the fifth innings of the game, the umpire shall declare "No game."

Drawn Games.

SEC. 5. Whenever a game of five or more innings is stopped by rain or darkness, and the score at the time is equal on the even innings

played, the game shall be declared drawn, but, under no other circumstances, shall a drawn game be declared.

SEC. 6. Should rain commence to fall during the progress of a match game, the umpire must note the time it began, and should it continue for five minutes, he shall, at the request of either captain, suspend play. Should the rain continue to fall for thirty minutes, after play has been suspended, the game shall terminate.

Rain.

SEC. 7. When the umpire calls "play," the game must at once be proceeded with. Should either party fail to take their appointed positions in the game, or to commence play as requested, the umpire shall, at the expiration of five minutes, declare the game forfeited by the nine that refuses to play. When the umpire calls "time," play shall be suspended until he call "play" again, and during the interim no player shall be put out, base be run or run be scored. The umpire shall suspend play only for an accident or injury to himself or a player, or on account of rain.

Calling Play
and Time.

SEC. 8. The umpire in any match game shall, in case of rain or darkness determine when play shall be suspended, and, if the game cannot be fairly concluded, it shall be decided by the score of the last equal innings played, unless one nine shall have completed their innings, and the other nine shall have equaled or exceeded the score of their opponents in their incompletely completed innings, in which case the game shall be decided by the total score obtained, which score shall be recorded as the score of the game.

Suspending
Play.

SEC. 9. When the umpire calls "game," it shall end, but when he merely suspends play for any stated period, it may be resumed at the point at which it was suspended; provided such suspension does not extend beyond the day of the match.

Ending
Game.

RULE III.—PITCHING.

The Pitcher's position.

The front or front foot line

Delivering the Ball.

A foul delivery.

Foul ball.

Balking.

SEC. 1. The pitcher's position shall be within a space of ground six feet square, the front line of which shall be distant forty-five feet from the center of the home base, and the center of the square shall be equidistant from the first and the third bases. Each corner of the square shall be marked by a flat iron plate or stone six inches square fixed in the ground even with the surface.

SEC. 2. The player who delivers the ball to the bat must do so while wholly within the lines of pitcher's position. He must remain within them until the ball has left his hand, and he shall not make any motion to deliver the ball to the bat while any part of his person is outside the lines of the pitcher's position. The ball must be delivered to the bat with the arm swinging nearly perpendicular at the side of the body, and the hand in swinging forward must pass below the waist.

SEC. 3. Should the pitcher deliver the ball by an overhand throw, a "foul balk" shall be declared. Any outward swing of the arm, or any other swing save that of the perpendicular movement referred to in Section 2 of this rule, shall be considered an overhand throw.

SEC. 4. When a "foul balk" is called, the umpire shall warn the pitcher of the penalty incurred by such unfair delivery, and should such delivery be continued until *three foul balks* have been called in one inning, the umpire shall declare the game forfeited.

SEC. 5. Should the pitcher make any motion to deliver the ball to the bat and fail so to deliver it—except the ball be accidentally dropped—or should he unnecessarily delay the game by not delivering the ball to the bat, or should he,

when in the act of delivering the ball, have any part of his person outside the lines of his position, the umpire shall call a "balk," and players occupying the bases shall take one base each.

SEC. 6. Every ball fairly delivered and sent in to the bat over the home base and at the height called for by the batsman shall be considered a good ball.

SEC. 7. All balls delivered to the bat which are not sent in over the home base and at the height called for by the batsman shall be considered unfair balls, and every ~~third~~⁹ ball so delivered must be called. When "~~three~~" balls have been called, the striker shall take first base, and all players who are thereby forced to leave a base shall take one base. Neither a "ball" nor a "strike" shall be called until the ball has passed the home base.

SEC. 8. All balls delivered to the bat which shall touch the striker's bat without being struck at, or his (the batsman's) person while standing in his position, or which shall hit the person of the umpire—unless they be passed balls, shall be considered *dead* balls, and shall be so called by the umpire, and no players shall be put out, base be run, or run be scored on any such ball; but if a dead ball be also an unfair ball, it shall be counted as one of the nine unfair balls which shall entitle the striker to a base.

Good Balls.

Called Balls.

Dead Balls.

RULE IV.—BATTING DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 1. The batsman's or striker's position shall be within a space of ground located on either side of the home base, six feet long by three feet wide, extending three feet in front of and three feet behind the line of the home base, and with its nearest line distant one foot from the home base.

The
Batsman's
position.

The order
of striking.

*The
order
of
striking.*

Failure
to take
position.

Refusing to
strike.

Specifying
Balls.

Good Balls to
the Bat.

Calling
Strikes.

SEC. 2. The batsmen must take their positions in the order in which they are directed by the Captain of their club, and after each player has had one time at bat, the striking order thus established shall not be changed during the game. After the first inning, the first striker in each inning shall be the batsman whose name follows that of the ~~third man out~~ in the preceding inning.

SEC. 3. Any batsman failing to take his position at the bat in his order of striking—unless by reason of illness or injury, or by consent of the captains of the contesting nines—shall be declared out, unless the error be discovered before a fair ball has been struck, or the striker put out.

SEC. 4. Any batsman failing to take his position at the bat within *one minute* after the umpire has called for the striker shall be declared out.

SEC. 5. The batsman on taking his position, must call for either a "high ball," a "low ball," or a "fair ball," and the umpire shall notify the pitcher to deliver the ball as required; such call shall not be changed after the first ball delivered.

SEC. 6. A "high ball" shall be one sent in above the belt of the batsman, but not higher than his shoulder. A "low ball" shall be one sent in at the height of the belt, or between that height and the knee, but not higher than his belt. A "fair ball" shall be one between the range of shoulder high and the knee of the striker. All the above must be over the home base, and when fairly delivered, shall be considered fair balls to the bat.

SEC. 7. Should the batsman fail to strike at the ball he calls for, or should he strike at and fail to hit the ball, the umpire shall call "*one strike*," and "*two strikes*," should he again fail.

When two strikes have been called, should the batsman not strike at the next good ball the umpire shall warn him by calling "*good ball*," but should he strike at and fail to hit the ball, or should he fail to strike at or to hit the next good ball "*three strikes*" must be called, and the batsman must run towards the first base as in case of hitting a fair ball.

SEC. 8. The batsman, when in the act of striking at the ball, must stand wholly within the lines of his position.

A fair Strike.

SEC. 9. Should the batsman step outside the lines of his position and strike the ball, the umpire shall call "*foul strike and out*," and base-runners shall return to the bases they occupied when the ball was hit.

A foul Strike.

SEC. 10. The foul lines shall be unlimited in length, and shall run from the right and left hand corners of the home base through the center of the first and third bases to the foul posts, which shall be located at the boundary of the field and within the range of home and first base, and home and third base. Said lines shall be marked and on the inside, from base to base, with chalk, or some other white substance, so as to be plainly seen by the umpire.

The foul line.

SEC. 11. If the ball from a fair stroke of the bat first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object, either in front of, or on the foul ball lines, or the first or third base, it shall be considered fair.

A fair hit ball.

If the ball from a fair stroke of the bat first touches the ground, the person of a player, or any other object, behind the foul ball lines, it shall be declared foul, and the ball so hit shall be called foul by the umpire even before touching the ground, if it be seen falling foul.

A foul hit ball.

The following are exceptions to the foregoing section : All balls batted directly to the ground

that bound or roll within the foul lines between home and first or home and third bases, without first touching the person of a player, shall be considered fair. All balls batted directly to the ground that bound or roll outside the foul lines between home and first or home and third bases, without first touching the person of a player, shall be considered foul. In either of these cases the first point of contact between the batted ball and the ground shall not be regarded.

When batsmen become base runners.

How batsmen are put out.

On the fly.

On the bound

At first base.

On three strikes.

Touching the bases.

SEC. 12. When the batsman has fairly struck a fair ball, he shall vacate his position, and he shall then be considered a base-runner until he is put out or scores his run.

SEC. 13. The batsman shall be declared out by the umpire as follows:

If a fair or foul ball be caught before touching the ground, or any object other than the player, provided it be not caught in a player's hat or cap.

If a foul ball be similarly held, ~~or after touching the ground but once.~~

If a fair ball be securely held by a fielder while touching first base with any part of his person before the base runner touches said base.

If after three strikes have been called, he fails to touch first base before the ball is legally held there.

If after three strikes have been called, the ball be caught before touching the ground ~~or after touching the ground but once.~~

If he plainly attempts to hinder the catcher from catching the ball, evidently without effort to make a fair strike, or makes a "foul strike."

RULE V—RUNNING THE BASES.

SECTION 1. Players running bases must touch each base in regular order, viz: first, second, third and home bases; and when obliged

to return to bases they have occupied they must retouch them in reverse order, both when running on fair or foul balls. In the latter case the base-runner must return to the base where he belongs on the run and not at a walk. No base shall be considered as having been occupied or held until it has been touched.

SEC. 2. No player running the bases shall be forced to vacate the base he occupies unless the batsman becomes a base-runner. Should the first base be occupied by a base-runner when a fair ball is struck, the base-runner shall cease to be entitled to hold said base until the player running to first base shall be put out. The same rule shall apply in the case of the occupancy of the other bases under similar circumstances. No base-runner shall be forced to vacate the base he occupies if the base-runner succeeding him is not thus obliged to vacate his base.

SEC. 3. Players forced to vacate their bases may be put out by any fielders in the same manner as when running to first base.

SEC. 4. The player running to first base shall be at liberty to overrun said base without his being put out for being off the base after first touching it, provided that in so overrunning the base he make no attempt to run to second base. In such case he must return at once and retouch first base, and after retouching said base he can be put out as at any other base. If in so overrunning first base, he also attempts to run to second base, he shall forfeit such exemption from being put out.

SEC. 5. Any player running a base who shall run beyond three feet from the line from base to base in order to avoid being touched by the ball in the hands of a fielder shall be declared out by the umpire, with or without appeal, but in case a fielder be occupying the

Forced off
a base.

How put out
when forced.

Overrunning
first base.

Running out
of the line of
bases.

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runner's proper path attempting to field a batted ball, then the runner shall run out of the path and behind said fielder, and shall not be declared out for so doing.

When a run
is scored.

SEC. 6. One run shall be scored every time a base-runner, after having regularly touched the first three bases, shall touch the home base before three hands are out. If the third hand out is forced out, or is put out before reaching first base, a run shall not be scored.

Taking bases
on balks.

SEC. 7. When a "balk" is called by the umpire, every player running the bases shall take one base without being put out, and shall do so on the run.

Taking bases
on called
balls.

SEC. 8. When three "balls" have been called by the umpire, the batsman shall take one base, provided he do so on the run, without being put out, and should any base-runner be forced thereby to vacate his base, he also shall take one base. Each base-runner thus given a base shall be at liberty to run to other bases besides the base given, but only at the risk of being put out in so running.

Holding
a base.

SEC. 9. A base-runner shall be considered as holding a base, viz., entitled to occupy it, until he shall have regularly touched the next base in order.

Running bases on fair
and foul fly
balls.

SEC. 10. No base shall be run or run be scored when a fair or foul ball has been caught or momentarily held before touching the ground, unless the base held when the ball was hit is retouched by the base-runner after the ball has been so caught or held by the fielder.

Returning to
bases on foul
ground balls.

SEC. 11. No run or base can be made upon a foul ball that shall touch the ground before being caught or held by a fielder, and any player running bases shall return, without being put out, to the base he occupied when the ball was struck, and remain on such base until the ball is held by the pitcher.

SEC. 12 Any player running the bases on fair or foul balls caught before touching the ground must return to the base he occupied when the ball was struck, and retouch such base before attempting to make another or score a run, and said player shall be liable to be put out in so returning, as in the case of running to first base when a fair ball is hit and not caught flying.

SEC. 13. If the player running the bases is prevented from making a base by the obstruction of an adversary, he shall be entitled to that base and shall not be put out.

SEC. 14. No player shall be allowed a substitute in running the bases except for illness or injury incurred in the game then being played, and such substitute shall take the ill or injured players place only after the latter has reached first base. The opposing captain shall select the man to run as substitute.

SEC. 15. Any player running the bases shall be declared out if, at any time, while the ball is in play, he be touched by the ball in the hand of a fielder, without some part of his person is touching the base. The ball must be held by the fielder after touching the runner.

If a ball be held by a fielder on the first base before the base-runner, after hitting a fair ball, touches that base, he shall be declared out.

Any base-runner failing to touch the base he runs for shall be declared out if the ball be held by a fielder, while touching said base, before the base-runner returns and touches it.

Any base-runner who shall in any way interfere with or obstruct a fielder while attempting to catch a fair fly ball, or a foul ball, shall be declared out. If he willfully obstructs a fielder from fielding a ball, he shall be declared out, and, if a batted ball strike him, he shall be declared out.

base
Obstructing
base runners

Substitutes
in running
bases.

How base
runners are
put out.

Preference
given to the
base runner.

Failure to
touch a base.

Obstructing
a fielder.

If a base-runner, in running from home to first base, shall run inside the foul line, or more than three feet outside of it, he shall be declared out.

RULE VI.—THE UMPIRE AND HIS DUTIES.

SECTION 1. Two clubs may, by mutual agreement, select any man to umpire any game or games provided that such agreement be in writing, and the man so selected agrees not less than five days before such game, or the first of such games, to act as such umpire.

SEC. 2. A staff of League umpires shall be selected in the following manner: Prior to April 1st, of each year, each club shall send to the Secretary the names of any persons of good repute and considered competent to act as umpires. A list of all persons so nominated shall be prepared by the Secretary and submitted to each club, which shall then select therefrom a number equal to three times the number of clubs then in the League, and shall transmit a list thereof to the Secretary, and the required number having the greatest number of approvals shall constitute the staff of League umpires.

The board shall fill any vacancy caused by declination, and shall appoint an umpire to replace any that may be objected to in writing by three League clubs after the commencement of the championship season.

SEC. 3. In the absence of the agreement provided for in Sec. 1. of this Article, the visiting club shall, not less than three days before any championship game, submit by telegraph to the home club the names of five League umpires, none of whom shall reside in the city of the visiting club. The home club shall then be charged with the duty of producing one of the

five so named upon the grounds in season for the game.

SEC. 4. In case the visiting club shall have failed to furnish the five names as provided in Sec. 3, the home club shall select an umpire for such game, and in case the visiting club shall have furnished five names, as provided in Section 3, and the home club fails to produce one of the umpires so named, within fifteen minutes before the hour appointed for the game, the visiting club shall select the umpire.

SEC. 5. The fee and expenses of the umpire of any championship game shall be paid by the visiting club.

SEC. 6. The umpire shall not be changed during the progress of a match game, except for reason of illness or injury, or by the consent of the captains of the two contesting nines, in case he shall have willfully violated the rules of the game.

Changing
an Umpire.

SEC. 7. Before the commencement of a match, the umpire shall see that the rules governing the materials of the game, and also those applicable to the positions of batsmen and pitcher, are strictly observed. Also that the fence in the rear of the catcher's position is distant not less than ninety feet from the home base, except it mark the boundary line of the field, in which case the umpire, for every ball passing the catcher and touching the fence, shall give each base-runner one base without his being put out.

Special
Duties.

Before calling "play," the umpire shall ask the captain of the home club whether there are any special ground rules to be enforced, and if there are, he shall see that they are duly enforced, provided they do not conflict with any rules of the game.

Special
Ground
Rules.

Reversing
Decisions.

SEC. 8. No decision rendered by the umpire on any point of play in base-running shall be reversed upon the testimony of any of the players.

Decisions on
Catches.

SEC. 9. Should the umpire be unable to see whether a catch has been fairly made or not, he shall be at liberty to appeal to the bystanders, and to render his decision according to the fairest testimony at command.

Interfering
with the
Umpire.

SEC. 10. No person, not engaged in the game shall be permitted to occupy any position within the lines of the field of contest, or in any way interrupt the umpire during the progress of the game. No player except the captain or player especially designated by him shall address the umpire concerning any point of play in dispute, and any violation of this rule shall subject the offender to an immediate reprimand by the umpire.

Interfering
with players.

SEC. 11. The umpire shall require the players on the batting side who are not at the bat or running the bases, to keep at a distance of not less than fifty feet from the line of home and first base and home and third base, or further off if he so decide. The captain and one assistant only shall be permitted to coach players running the bases, and they must not approach within fifteen feet of the foul lines. (See also Rule 1, Section 7.)

Unfair field-
ing and
Dead Balls.

SEC. 12. Should any fielder stop or catch the ball with his hat, or any part of his dress, the umpire shall call "dead ball," and the base runners shall each be entitled to two bases for any fair hit ball so stopped or caught. Should the ball be stopped by any person not engaged in the game, the umpire must call "dead ball," and players running bases at the time shall be entitled to the bases they were running for, and the ball be regarded as dead until settled in the

hands of the pitcher while standing within the lines of his position.

SEC. 13. Any match game in which the Violation
of Rules. umpire shall declare any section of this code of rules to have been willfully violated, shall at once be declared by him to have been forfeited by the club at fault.

SEC. 14. No manager, captain or player shall address the audience, except in case of necessary explanation.

RULE VII.—THE UMPIRE'S JURISDICTION AND POWERS.

The gentleman selected to fill the position of umpire must keep constantly in mind the fact that upon his sound discretion and promptness in conducting the game, and compelling players to observe the spirit as well as the letter of the rules, largely depends the merit of the game as an exhibition, and the satisfaction of spectators therewith. He must make his decisions distinct and clear, remembering that every spectator is anxious to hear each decision. He must keep the contesting nines playing constantly from the commencement of the game to its termination, allowing such delays only as are rendered unavoidable by accident, injury or rain. He must, until the completion of the game, require the players of each side to promptly take their positions in the field as soon as the third hand is put out, and must require the first striker of the opposite side to be in his position at the bat as soon as the fielders are in their places.

The players of the side "at bat" occupy the portion of the field allotted them, subject to the condition that they must speedily vacate any portion thereof that may be in the way of the ball, or any fielder attempting to catch or field it. The triangular space behind the

home base is reserved for the exclusive use of the umpire, catcher and batsman, and the umpire must prohibit any player of the side "at bat" from crossing the same at any time while the ball is in the hands of or passing between the pitcher or catcher while standing in their positions.

~~X~~ The umpire is master of the field from the commencement to the termination of the game, and must compel the players to observe the provisions of this Article and of all other Articles of the Playing Rules, and he is hereby invested with authority to order any player to do or omit to do any act necessary to give force and effect to any and all of such provisions, and power to inflict upon any player disobeying any such order a fine of not less than ten or more than twenty dollars for each offence, and to impose a similar fine upon any player who shall use abusive, threatening or improper language to the umpire, audience or other player ~~X~~ The umpire shall at once notify the captain of the offending player's side of the infliction of any fine herein provided for, and the club to which such player belongs shall, within ten days, transmit the amount of such fine to the Secretary of the League.

RULE VIII.—SCORING.

In order to promote uniformity in scoring championship games, the following instructions, suggestions and definitions are made for the benefit of scorers of League clubs, and they are required to make the scores mentioned in Sec. 10, Art. XII, of the League constitution in accordance therewith.

BATTING.

SECTION 1. The first item in the tabulated score, after the player's name and position, shall be the number of times he has been at bat during the game. Any time or times where the player has been sent to base on called balls shall not be included in this column.

SEC. 2. In the second column should be set down the runs made by each player.

SEC. 3. In the third column should be placed the first-base hits made by each player. A base-hit should be scored in the following cases :

When the ball from the bat strikes the ground between the foul-lines and out of the reach of the fielders.

When a hit is partially or wholly stopped by a fielder in motion, but such player cannot recover himself in time to handle the ball before the striker reaches first base.

When the ball is hit so sharply to an infielder that he cannot handle it in time to put out a man. In case of doubt over this class of hits, score a base hit and exempt fielder from the charge of an error.

When a ball is hit so slowly toward a fielder that he cannot reach it before the batsman is safe.

SEC. 4. In the fourth column should be placed to the credit of each player the number of times he reaches first base during the game, whether upon hits, errors, called balls or in any other way where he is not put out.

FIELDING.

SEC. 5. The number of opponents put out by each player shall be set down in the fifth column. Where a striker is given out by the umpire for a foul strike or because he struck out of his turn, the put out shall be scored to the catcher.

SEC. 6. The number of times a player assists shall be set down in the sixth column. An assist should be given to each player who handles the ball in a run-out or other play of the kind.

An assist should be given to the pitcher when a batsman fails to hit the ball on the third strike.

An assist should be given to the pitcher in each case where the batsman is declared out for making a foul strike or striking out of turn.

An assist should be given to a player who makes a play in time to put a runner out, even if the player who

should complete the play fails, through no fault of the player assisting.

And, generally, an assist should be given to each player who handles the ball from the time it leaves the bat until it reaches the player who makes the put-out, or in case of a thrown ball, to each player who throws or handles it cleanly, and in such way that a put out results, or would result if no error were made by the receiver.

SEC. 7. An error should be given for each mis-play, which allows the striker or base-runner to make one or more bases, when perfect play would have insured his being put out. In scoring errors off batted balls see Sec. 3 of this Article.

RULE IX.

No section of these Rules shall be construed as conflicting with or affecting any article of the constitution.

M E E T I N G
OF THE
DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL LEAGUE
OF
PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS,

HELD AT THE

Kennard House, Cleveland, Ohio, Tuesday, Dec. 4th, A. D. 1877.

Present, Messrs. HULBERT, SODEN and CHASE.
On motion of Mr. CHASE, Mr. W. A. HULBERT was
elected *Chairman*.

The Secretary submitted tabular statements of games
won and lost by the contesting League clubs during the
season of 1877, and, on motion, the following resolution
was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Secretary has submitted two tabular statements
of championship games played during the past season, the first
showing all such games played by the Boston, Chicago, St. Louis,
Louisville and Hartford Clubs with each other, and the second
adding thereto certain games participated in by the Cincinnati
Club; and the same having been fully examined and considered;
therefore

Resolved, 1. That Cincinnati Club, having failed to pay its
annual dues, and having thereby forfeited its membership under
the constitution of the League, it is not entitled to have any
games participated in by it counted in the championship series,
and the table which includes such games is invalid.

2. The table showing all championship games participated in
by the Boston, Chicago, St. Louis, Louisville and Hartford Clubs

with each other is the table contemplated by the League Constitution, and shows the following to be the relative standing of the clubs, as the result of the season's play: First, Boston; second, Louisville; third, Hartford; fourth, St. Louis; fifth, Chicago.

3. The Boston Club, having won the greatest number of games in the championship series, is hereby awarded the championship of the United States for the year 1877.

The Secretary presented the case of GEO. W. BECHTEL who asked for a reversal of his expulsion by the *Louisville Club*. On motion, his appeal for reinstatement was denied.

In the case of OSCAR WALKER expelled from the *Red Cap Base Ball Association*, of *St. Paul, Minn.* On motion the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Secretary has submitted to this Board the following documents:

1. A written notice, signed by the *Red Cap Base Ball Association*, of *St. Paul, Minn.*, by SAM GORDON, Secreatry, and OSCAR WALKER, bearing date July 23, 1877, certifying that the "former has this day entered into contract with the latter."

2. A telegram from the Secretary of the *Red Cap Base Ball Association* to the Secretary, dated August 1, 1877, stating that "OSCAR WALKER is expelled from our club for gross violation of contract."

3. An affidavit bearing the signature of OSCAR WALKER, in the same handwriting as appears upon the notice first above specified, dated August 8, declaring that he had "never signed any contract to play ball with the Red Caps, of St. Paul," and that the only contract then in force, signed by him, was with the Manchester Base Ball Association, of Manchester, N. H.

4. A letter from HENRY S. CLARK, Manager of the said *Manchester Base Ball Association*, to the President of the League, dated August 24, 1877, claiming that said WALKER had "never legally contracted" with the Red Cap Club; also, copies of telegrams showing an advance to WALKER by the Red Cap Club, in consideration of securing his services; and,

WHEREAS, It also appears from a document in the possession of the Secretary, that the Red Cap Base Ball Association was, on July 23 and August 1, 1877, a party to what is known as the

"League Alliance agreement"; that the notice of contract herein specified is in full conformity with the provisions of the fourth clause of said agreement; that the expusion (a notice of which is herein specified) is in full conformity with the provisions of the second clause of said agreement; that the said agreement does not require a contract between a club party thereto and a player to be in writing, and that the notice provided for in the

second clause of said agreement is the only evidence of contract required thereby; therefore,

Resolved (1), That a valid contract existed between the *Red Cap Base Ball Association* and OSCAR WALKER, July 23, 1877; (2) That the action of the said Red Cap Base Ball Association in expelling said WALKER is fully authorized by the provisions of the League Alliance agreement, and is approved by this Board.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. CHAS. N. SNYDER, directed to Mr. W. A. HULBERT, requesting the League to compel the Louisville B. B. Club, of Louisville, Ky., to pay him the balance of salary due for services rendered by him to the said Club during the season of 1877.

Mr. SODEN offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Louisville B. B. Club is hereby required to pay CHAS. N. SNYDER the amount remaining due him under his contract with said Club for the season of 1877, such payment to be made on or before January 1, 1878.

The Secretary was instructed to furnish the Louisville B. B. Club and CHAS. N. SNYDER with a copy of this resolution.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The *Indianapolis Base Ball Club*, of *Indianapolis, Ind.*, is entitled to membership in this League, under the provisions of Sec. I, Art. XII., of the League Constitution, and has applied for such membership; therefore,

Resolved, That the Board recommend the election of said Indianapolis Base Ball Club as a member of the League.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer was presented, and, on motion, it was accepted and adopted.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the *Louisville Base Ball Club* in expelling four players, viz.: JAMES A. DEVLIN, GEORGE W. HALL, A. H. NICHOLS, and W. H. CRAVER, for conduct in contravention of the objects of this League, as set forth in Article II. of its Constitution, is hereby approved and affirmed.

After the transaction of other business, on motion the Board adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 5, A. D. 1877.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, at 10 o'clock
a. m.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, The clubs members of the League entered into an agreement in writing, in the month of July, 1877, with an organization then formed in the city of Cincinnati, O., chartered and known as the *Cincinnati Base Ball Association*, the objects of which agreement were to secure to the League the carrying out of the League schedule in respect to the engagements of the *Cincinnati Base Ball Club*, an organization which had been a club member of the League, and had forfeited its membership, and to the said Cincinnati Base Ball Association such rights and privileges of League membership as the said League Clubs could grant; and,

WHEREAS, A condition of such agreement was that the subscribing League clubs pledged themselves to vote for the admission of the said *Cincinnati Base Ball Association* to full membership in the League at its next annual meeting, in the event of the faithful performance by said Association of its undertakings, as stipulated in said agreement; and,

WHEREAS, The said *Cincinnati Base Ball Association* has faithfully performed its part of said contract; therefore,

Resolved, That the said Cincinnati Base Ball Association is entitled to membership in the League, and this Board recommend its election to such membership.

On motion, adjourned subject to the call of the Chairman.

THURSDAY, Dec. 6, A. D. 1877.

Meeting called to order by the Chairman, at 10:40 a.m.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Hartford Base Ball Club has vacated its membership in this League.

No further business appearing, on motion adjourned

(Signed) W. A. HULBERT,

Chairman

A. H. SODEN,
CHAS. E. CHASE. } Directors.

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

NATIONAL LEAGUE

OF

PROFESSIONAL BASE BALL CLUBS.

HELD AT THE

Kennard House, Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday, Dec. 5th, A. D. 1877.

The meeting was called to order by the President, at 12 M. On motion the rules were suspended in order to admit of the election of the CINCINNATI, INDIANAPOLIS and MILWAUKEE CLUBS, whose applications for membership had been previously filed, and they were unanimously elected.

The following named gentlemen presented their credentials as the representatives of their respective Clubs:

W. A. HULBERT and A. G. MILLS,
Representing the Chicago Ball Club.

A. H. SODEN and HARRY WRIGHT,
Representing the Boston B. B. Assoc'n.

C. E. CHASE and C. W. JOHNSTONE,
Representing the Louisville B. B. Club.

J. M. W. NEFF,
Representing the Cincinnati B. B. Ass'n.

WILLIAM P. ROGERS,
Representing the Milwaukee B. B. Club.

WILLIAM B. PETTIT,
Representing the Indianapolis B. B. Ass'n.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the previous meetings was dispensed with.

The report of the Board of Directors was read, and, on motion, received.

The resignation of the *St. Louis Base Ball Club* was received and accepted.

The meeting next proceeded to consider amendments to the Constitution, which, as amended, were adopted, as follows: (*See Constitution.*)

The meeting next proceeded to consider amendments to the Playing Rules, pending the consideration of which, on motion, adjourned to meet on the following day.

THURSDAY, Dec. 6, A. D. 1877.

Meeting called to order by the President at 11 a. m., and resumed the consideration of amendments to the Playing Rules, which, as amended, were adopted, as follows: (*See Rules.*)

On motion, adjourned to meet at 9 a. m. on the following day.

FRIDAY, Dec. 7, A. D. 1877.

Meeting called to order by the President at 9 a. m.

On motion, the report of the Board of Directors in regard to the Hartford Club was received and adopted.

The Secretary was instructed to procure the necessary number of balls for the use of the League.

Election of officers being the next business in order, Mr. W. A. HULBERT was unanimously re-elected as President of the League.

On motion of Mr. CHASE, Mr. N. E. YOUNG was re-elected Secretary, and his salary fixed at five hundred dollars per annum.

The following-named gentlemen were selected to constitute the Board of Directors for the ensuing year, names: Messrs. J. M. W. NEFF, Wm. P. ROGERS, Wm. B. PETIT, and A. H. SODEN.

On motion, the publication of the League Book was left in the hands of the Secretary.

It was moved and seconded that when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet at the time appointed for the next annual meeting, at such place as may be ordered by the League, unless this meeting be sooner re-convened by the President.

On motion of Mr. PETTIT, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the League appoint a committee of two upon a schedule for championship games; and that said committee shall, if it be practicable, prepare such a schedule that clubs can draw lots for precedence. If the committee consider this plan impracticable, then the President shall call a League meeting for some date not later than April 10th.

Messrs. HULBERT and NEFF were constituted the committee under the above resolution.

No further business appearing, on motion, adjourned.

(Signed) W. A. HULBERT, *President.*
N. E. YOUNG, *Secretary.*

AGREEMENT CONCERNING ENGAGEMENTS
OF PLAYERS.

The subscribing clubs hereby agree that neither they, nor any officer, member, or agent, of their respective organizations, shall contract with, employ, engage, or negotiate for, any player for the season of 1879, prior to September 1, 1878, unless sooner released from this contract at a special meeting of the League.

In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our names, in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1877.

THE CHICAGO BASE BALL CLUB,

By W. A. Hulbert, President.

THE CINCINNATI BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By J. M. W. Neff, President.

THE LOUISVILLE BASE BALL CLUB,

By C. E. Chase, Vice President.

THE MILWAUKEE BASE BALL CLUB,

By William P. Rogers.

THE INDIANAPOLIS BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Wm. B. Pettit, President.

THE BOSTON BASE BALL CLUB.

By A. H. Soden, President.

THE PROVIDENCE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By H. B. Winship.

SPECIAL CLUB RULES FOR 1878.

The parties hereto agree that during the ball-playing season of 1878, in consideration of the advantages to each of a uniform business system, each club subscribing hereto shall pay to every other club subscribing hereto, for each championship game of ball in which such other club shall, as "visiting club," contest against it upon its own grounds, the sum of fifteen (15) cents for each and every person admitted to such grounds to witness such game, or any part thereof, or admitted to such grounds for any other purpose,

prior to such game or the hour appointed therefor, excepting only players of the contesting clubs, policemen in uniform, and ten (10) other persons. We further agree that, for the purposes of this agreement, it shall be sufficient for the visiting club to present its nine upon the grounds at the hour appointed, and prepared to play the game in the absence of rain.

The number of persons admitted to the grounds shall be determined by the use of the necessary number of self-registering turnstiles, the keys of which shall be delivered to the agent of the visiting club before the opening of the grounds for each game, and such agent of the visiting club shall have the right to affix a seal to the register, or box, of such turnstile.

We further agree that we will pay for the services of the umpire five dollars per game, the visiting club to pay such fee, and also all expenses incurred in securing the attendance of such umpire.

We further agree, and do hereby notify all players now under contract, or that may hereafter contract with either club subscribing hereto, that each player must pay thirty dollars (\$30) for the uniform furnished him by the club for the season of 1878, and must, at his own expense, keep the same clean and in good repair, and that, while absent upon a tour, or tours, during the season of 1878, the sum of fifty cents per day will be deducted from his pay. And we further agree that we will not engage or play any player that may be released by any club subscribing hereto, on account of disagreement between such player and his club growing out of any stipulation of this agreement.

We further agree not to play any game with any non-League club, upon the grounds of such non-League club, except upon the following stipulations, additional to those prescribed in Art. XII., Sec. 6, of the League Constitution: The non-League club shall pay the League club, for each game actually played, and immediately upon the termination of such game, one-half of the gross receipts of such game, or, the sum of one hundred dollars, as the

League club may then prefer; and the non-League club shall pay the League club fifty dollars in every case where a League club shall present its nine in the city or town of such non-League club, prepared to play at the time appointed for such game, and the game be prevented by rain, or any cause other than the refusal by such League club to play such game. In the event of the refusal, or failure, of any non-League club to pay the sum, or sums, due as herein stipulated, the League club shall at once telegraph such fact to the Secretary of the League, who shall forthwith notify all other League clubs, by telegraph, and no League club shall thereafter play such defaulting club until the full amount due be paid the League club, which League club shall, in case of such payment, notify the Secretary, and he the other League clubs, by telegraph.

We further agree that, in any case not covered by Art. XII., Sec. 6, of the League Constitution, a League club having agreed to play a non-League club upon the grounds of the latter, and failing to present its nine in the city or town of such non-League club, prepared to play at the time appointed for such game, the League club shall pay the non-League club the sum of fifty dollars as the penalty of such default.

In witnesss whereof the parties hereto have hereunto set their names, in Cleveland, Ohio, this 7th day of December, A. D. 1877.

THE CHICAGO BASE BALL CLUB,

By W. A. Hulbert, President.

THE CINCINNATI BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By J. M. W. Neff, President.

THE BOSTON BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Harry Wright, Secretary.

THE LOUISVILLE BASE BALL CLUB,

By Chas. E. Chase, Vice President.

THE MILWAUKEE BASE BALL CLUB,

By William P. Rogers.

THE INDIANAPOLIS BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By Wm. B. Pettit, President.

THE PROVIDENCE BASE BALL ASSOCIATION,

By H. B. Winship.

1877.
BATTING AVERAGES

Of players who have taken part in six (6) or more Championship Games.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of games played.	Times at bat.			Percentage of base hits per times at bat.	Total base.	
				Runs.	Average runs per game.	1st Base.			
1	White.....	Boston.....	48	213	39	0.81	.82	.385	274
2	Cassidy.....	Hartford.....	50	210	35	0.70	.76	.362	250
3	O'Rourke.....	Boston.....	49	211	54	1.10	.74	.350	270
4	Anson.....	Chicago.....	47	200	36	0.76	.67	.335	223
5	McVey.....	Chicago.....	48	208	40	0.83	.67	.322	207
6	Start.....	Hartford.....	50	224	43	0.86	.72	.321	182
7	Hall.....	Louisville.....	49	216	41	0.83	.69	.319	242
8	Peters.....	Chicago.....	48	207	34	0.71	.62	.299	227
9	Crowley.....	Louisville.....	49	193	22	0.45	.57	.295	151
10	Sutton.....	Boston.....	46	200	32	0.69	.58	.290	246
	Shaffer.....	Louisville.....	49	203	29	0.59	.59	.290	209
	Gerhardt.....	Louisville.....	49	203	28	0.57	.60	.290	201
11	Clapp.....	St. Louis.....	47	206	34	0.72	.59	.286	227
12	Shafer.....	Boston.....	29	121	19	0.63	.34	.281	120
13	Craver.....	Louisville.....	46	191	25	0.54	.52	.272	156
	Morril.....	Boston.....	49	191	33	0.67	.52	.272	173
14	Latham.....	Louisville.....	47	223	27	0.57	.60	.269	157
15	Dorgan.....	St. Louis.....	48	216	34	0.71	.58	.268	187
16	Murnan.....	Boston.....	26	103	13	0.50	.27	.262	100
17	Hallinan.....	Chicago.....	15	69	13	0.86	.18	.261	73
18	Leonard.....	Boston.....	46	215	37	0.80	.56	.260	190
19	Remsen.....	St. Louis.....	29	108	10	0.34	.28	.259	91
20	York.....	Hartford.....	47	199	34	0.72	.51	.256	216
21	Wright.....	Boston.....	49	235	44	0.90	.60	.255	217
22	Brown.....	Boston.....	49	185	23	0.46	.47	.254	181
23	Barnes.....	Chicago.....	18	75	11	0.61	.19	.253	53
24	Hines.....	Chicago.....	48	202	25	0.52	.51	.252	170
25	Carey.....	Hartford.....	50	227	27	0.54	.57	.251	187
26	Devlin.....	Louisville.....	49	212	28	0.57	.52	.245	165
27	Hague.....	Louisville.....	48	218	29	0.60	.53	.243	154
28	Holdsworth.....	Hartford.....	47	223	26	0.42	.54	.242	162
	Spalding.....	Chicago.....	48	198	17	0.35	.48	.242	159
29	Burdock.....	Hartford.....	50	237	29	0.58	.57	.240	170
30	McGeary.....	St. Louis.....	47	205	22	0.47	.49	.239	158
31	Ferguson.....	Hartford.....	50	218	32	0.64	.52	.238	220
32	Force.....	St. Louis.....	46	181	15	0.32	.43	.237	138
33	Eggler.....	Chicago.....	25	101	8	0.32	.24	.237	86
34	Bradley.....	Chicago.....	45	170	20	0.44	.40	.235	121
35	Harbidge.....	Hartford.....	36	148	16	0.44	.34	.229	134
	Snyder.....	Louisville.....	49	197	17	0.35	.45	.228	153
36	Blong.....	St. Louis.....	46	171	13	0.28	.39	.228	133
37	Larkin.....	Hartford.....	48	189	22	0.46	.43	.227	153
38	Croft.....	St. Louis.....	46	187	16	0.35	.41	.219	114
39	Glenn.....	Chicago.....	42	167	21	0.50	.36	.215	135
40	Bond.....	Boston.....	49	203	27	0.55	.43	.212	172
	Smith.....	Chicago.....	20	76	6	0.30	.14	.184	56
41	Eden.....	Chicago.....	11	40	6	0.54	.7	.175	32
	Allison.....	Hartford.....	20	80	9	0.45	.14	.175	43
42	Dehiman.....	St. Louis.....	24	92	13	0.54	.13	.141	61
43	Battin.....	St. Louis.....	45	178	17	0.38	.25	.140	118
44	Nichols.....	St. Louis.....	39	141	13	0.33	.18	.127	66
45	Waitt.....	Chicago.....	7	28	0	0.00	2	.071	6

FIELDING AVERAGES

Of players who have taken part in six or more Championship Games.

FIRST BASEMEN.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of Games played.	Number put out.	Times assisting.	Fielding error.	Total number of chances.	Percentage of chances accepted.
1	Croft	St. Louis	24	246	7	9	262	.965
2	Start	Hartford	50	584	8	22	614	.964
3	White	Boston	31	284	10	11	305	.961
4	Spalding	Chicago	36	377	18	18	413	.956
5	Latham	Louisville	47	535	23	28	586	.952
6	Morrill	Boston	15	151	6	8	165	.951
7	Dehiman	St. Louis	23	221	2	23	246	.906
	Glenn	Chicago	11	118	2	13	133	.992

SECOND BASEMEN.

1	Spalding	Chicago	9	28	30	4	62	.935
2	Burdock	Hartford	49	176	172	36	378	.905
3	Wright	Boston	46	132	157	34	323	.894
4	Battin	St. Louis	14	39	41	10	90	.889
5	Gerhardt	Louisville	47	134	201	48	383	.874
6	McGeary	St. Louis	33	100	117	32	249	.871
7	Barnes	Chicago	18	43	60	17	120	.858
8	Smith	Chicago	10	25	25	12	62	.806
9	Hines	Chicago	11	29	36	19	84	.774

THIRD BASEMEN.

1	McGeary	St. Louis	14	24	35	6	65	.907
2	Morrill	Boston	23	27	31	7	65	.892
3	Anson	Chicago	27	57	66	18	141	.872
4	Ferguson	Hartford	47	89	140	35	264	.867
5	Shafer	Boston	8	13	4	3	20	.850
6	Hague	Louisville	48	63	58	22	143	.846
7	McVey	Chicago	12	12	25	8	45	.822
8	Batton	St. Louis	28	57	71	29	157	.815
9	Sutton	Boston	18	32	24	14	70	.800

SHORT STOPS.

1	Craver	Louisville	46	55	148	16	219	.927
2	Force	St. Louis	42	67	138	22	227	.903
3	Peters	Chicago	48	106	172	35	313	.888
4	Sutton	Boston	28	47	71	18	136	.867
5	Leonard	Boston	17	26	43	13	82	.841
6	Carey	Hartford	50	40	167	41	248	.834

FIELDERS.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUBS.	Number of Games played.	Number put out.	Times assistng.	Fielding errors.	Total number of chances.	Percentage of chances accepted.
1	White.....	Boston.....	15 R. F.	17	4 1	22	.954	
2	Glenn.....	Chicago.....	31 L. F.	59	5 4	68	.941	
3	Leonard.....	Boston	29 L. F.	70	3 7	80	.912	
4	Remsen.....	St. Louis.....	29 C. F.	70	4 8	82	.902	
5	Hall.....	Louisville.....	49 L. F.	66	5 9	80	.887	
6	York	Hartford.....	47 L. F.	112	5 15	132	.886	
7	Eggler.....	Chicago.....	25 C. F.	40	7 7	54	.870	
8	Crowley.....	Louisville	44 C. F. } 15 R. F.	78	14 14	106	.868	
9	Hallinan	Chicago.....	3 R. F.	23	2 4	29	.862	
10	Smith.....	Chicago.....	7 C. F.	16	1 3	20	.850	
11	Blong	St. Louis.....	18 R. F. } 9 L. F. }	48	7 10	65	.846	
12	Hines.....	Chicago.....	1 C. F. } 16 L. F. }	62	3 13	78	.833	
13	Holdsworth	Hartford.....	7 R. F. } 47 C. F. }	71	12 17	100	.830	
14	O'Rourke	Boston.....	3 R. F. } 19 L. F. }	84	8 19	111	.829	
15	Waitt.....	Chicago	27 C. F. } 7 R. F. }	16	3 4	23	.826	
16	Shaffer	Louisville.....	1 C. F. } 47 R. F. }	99	16 26	141	.815	
17	Murnan	Boston.....	3 R. F. } 21 C. F. }	29	3 8	40	.800	
18	Dorgan	St. Louis.....	16 L. F. } 20 R. F. }	51	6 16	73	.780	
19	Croft.....	St. Louis.....	1 C. F. } 21 L. F. }	41	1 13	55	.763	
20	Shafer	Boston.....	1 L. F. } 19 R. F. }	21	0 7	28	.750	
21	Cassidy	Hartford.....	48 R. F.	31	16 17	64	.734	
22	Eden	Chicago.....	11 R. F.	13	0 7	20	.650	
23	Morrill	Boston	8 R. F.	9	1 7	17	.588	

CATCHERS' AVERAGES.

Rank.	NAME.	CLUB.	Number of games played (whole or in part.)	Number put out	Times assisting.	Fielding errors. (Exclusive of passed balls.)	Total number of chances.	Percentage of chances accepted.	Number of passed balls.	Average per game.
1	Snyder	Louisville	49	248	87	32	367	.913	37	0.76
2	Harbridge	Hartford	30	134	32	20	186	.892	21	0.70
3	Brown	Boston	47	310	61	49	420	.883	33	0.70
4	Allison	Hartford	20	87	33	16	136	.882	10	0.50
5	Anson	Chicago	20	80	27	17	124	.863	20	1.00
6	Clapp	St. Louis	41	228	37	43	308	.860	39	0.95
7	McVey	Chicago	28	118	21	25	164	.847	36	1.28
8	Dorgan	St. Louis	7	34	9	11	54	.796	7	1.00

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 Season of 1877.

NAME OF CLUB.	WHERE LOCATED.	BATTING.				FIELDING.							
		Number of games played.		Number of games won.		Times at Bat.		Runs Scored.		Times at Bat.		Runs Scored.	
		Times at Bat.	Average per Game.	First Bases.	Per centage of base hits per times at base.	Total Bases.	Average per Game.	Number put out.	Times assisted.	Fielding errors, (exclusive of Wild pitches & pass'd balls).	Total Chances.	Per centage of chances accepted.	
Boston.....	Boston.....	49	31	1881	.321	6.55	.533	.283	.1944	39.67	1320	689	.257
Louisville.....	Louisville.....	49	28	1883	.248	5.06	.509	.270	.1594	32.53	1354	750	.235
Hartford.....	Hartford....	50	24	1968	.268	5.36	.514	.261	.1730	34.60	1359	720	.288
St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	48	19	1747	.189	3.94	.384	.219	.1816	27.89	1307	675	.327
Chicago.....	Chicago	48	18	1778	.239	4.98	.469	.258	.1565	82.60	1284	660	.292
Total.....		244	120	9257	1265	5.18	2399	.259	.8148	33.39	6624	3494	.1899
													.11517
													.878

Tie Games played..... Hartford. 2; Boston, 1; Louisville, 1.

PITCHERS RECORD IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER.

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES PLAYED
DURING THE
SEASON OF 1877.

Number of Games,	DATE, 1877.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Win'g Club.	Losing Club.
1	April 30	Boston vs. Hartford...	Brooklyn.....	Tie.....	1	1
2	May 8	St. Louis vs. Boston...	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	3	2
3	" 8	Chicago vs. Hartford...	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	6	5
4	" 10	St. Louis vs. Boston...	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	6	5
5	" 10	Chicago vs. Hartford.	Chicago.....	Hartford.....	14	10
6	" 12	Chicago vs. Boston....	Chicago.....	Boston.....	18	9
7	" 15	St. Louis vs. Hartford	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	6	2
8	" 16	Chicago vs. Boston....	Chicago.....	Boston.....	1	0
9	" 17	Chicago vs. St. Louis.	Chicago.....	St. Louis.....	3	2
10	" 18	Louisv'l'e vs. Hartford	Louisville.....	Hartford.....	12	2
11	" 19	Louisv'l'e vs. Hartford	Louisville.....	Louisville....	9	5
12	" 19	Chicago vs. St. Louis.	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	7	1
13	" 21	Louisville vs. Boston...	Louisville.....	Boston.....	5	0
14	" 22	St. Louis vs. Chicago..	St. Louis.....	Chicago.....	4	2
15	" 22	Louisville vs. Boston...	Louisville.....	Boston.....	8	7
16	" 24	St. Louis vs Chicago...	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	6	2
17	" 29	Louisville vs. St. Louis	Louisville.....	St. Louis.....	7	4
18	" 30	Louisville vs. St. Louis	Louisville.....	Louisville....	11	6
19	" 31	Louisville vs. Chicago	Louisville.....	Louisville....	3	1
20	June 2	Louisville vs. Chicago	Louisville.....	Louisville....	9	2
21	" 2	Boston vs. Hartford...	Boston.....	Boston.....	8	2
22	" 4	Boston vs. Hartford...	Boston.....	Boston.....	18	6
23	" 5	St. Louis vs. Louisville	St. Louis.....	St. Louis....	6	1
24	" 7	St. Louis vs. Louisville	St. Louis.....	Louisville....	1	0
25	" 9	Hartford vs. Boston...	Brooklyn.....	Hartford.....	7	0
26	" 11	Chicago vs. Louisville	Chicago.....	Louisville....	5	4
27	" 12	Hartford vs. Boston...	Brooklyn.....	Hartford.....	7	0
28	" 12	Chicago vs. Louisville	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	3	1
29	" 16	Boston vs. Chicago....	Boston.....	Boston.....	7	6
30	" 16	Hartford vs. St. Louis.	Brooklyn.....	Hartford.....	5	3
31	" 18	Hartford vs. St. Louis.	Brooklyn.....	Hartford.....	3	2
32	" 18	Boston vs. Chicago....	Boston.....	Boston.....	9	7
33	" 19	Boston vs. St. Louis...	Boston.....	Boston.....	13	0
34	" 19	Hartford vs. Chicago.	Brooklyn.....	Hartford.....	13	1
35	" 21	Hartford vs. Chicago.	Brooklyn.....	Hartford.....	6	0
36	" 21	Boston vs. St. Louis...	Boston.....	St. Louis....	13	11
37	" 23	Hartford vs. Louisv'l'e	Brooklyn.....	Louisville....	5	3
38	" 25	Hartford vs. Louisv'l'e	Brooklyn.....	Hartford.....	5	4
39	" 26	Boston vs. Hartford...	Boston.....	Hartford.....	4	2
40	" 26	Chicago vs. St. Louis.	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	11	0
41	" 27	Hartford vs. Louisv'l'e	Brooklyn.....	Louisville....	4	1

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—Continued.

Number of Games.	DATE, 1877.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Win'g Club.	Losing Club.
42	" 28	Boston vs. Louisville.	Boston.....	Boston.....	3	1
43	" 28	Chicago vs. St. Louis.	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	6	2
44	" 30	Boston vs. Louisville.	Boston.....	Boston.....	9	7
45	July 2	St. Louis vs. Chicago.	St. Louis.....	Chicago.....	5	2
46	" 3	St. Louis vs. Chicago.	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	9	5
47	" 4	St. Louis vs. Hartford.	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	7	6
48	" 4	Chicago vs. Boston ..	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	12	2
49	" 5	St. Louis vs. Hartford.	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	6	1
50	" 7	Louisv'le vs. Hartford	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	14	4
51	" 11	Louisville vs. Boston..	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	14	9
52	" 12	Louisville vs. Boston..	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	8	6
53	" 13	St. Louis vs. Boston..	St. Louis.....	Boston.....	7	4
54	" 13	Chicago vs. Hartford.	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	6	3
55	" 14	Chicago vs. Hartford.	Chicago.....	Hartford....	9	4
56	" 14	St. Louis vs. Boston..	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	10	3
57	" 16	St. Louis vs. Hartford	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	3	2
58	" 16	Chicago vs. Boston....	Chicago.....	Boston.....	8	3
59	" 17	Chicago vs. Boston....	Chicago.....	Boston.....	6	5
60	" 17	St. Louis vs. Hartford.	St. Louis.....	Hartford....	13	3
61	" 18	St. Louis vs. Hartford	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	10	2
62	" 18	Chicago vs. Boston....	Chicago.....	Boston.....	18	4
63	" 19	Louisv'le vs. Hartford	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	10	7
64	" 20	Louisv'le vs. Hartford	Louisville.....	Hartford....	8	3
65	" 21	Louisv'le vs. Hartford	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	11	6
66	" 23	Louisville vs. Boston.	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	3	1
67	" 24	Louisville vs. Boston.	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	7	4
68	" 26	Chicago vs. Hartford.	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	7	1
69	" 27	St. Louis vs. Boston..	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	9	2
70	" 28	St. Louis vs. Boston..	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	3	2
71	" 31	Louisville vs. St. Louis	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	7	0
72	Aug. 1	Louisville vs. St. Louis	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	3	1
73	" 4	Louisville vs. Chicago	Louisville.....	Louisville.....	15	9
74	" 6	Louisville vs. Chicago	Louisville.....	Chicago.....	7	2
75	" 7	St. Louis vs. Louisv'le	St. Louis.....	Louisville.....	4	2
76	" 7	Hartford vs. Boston...	Brooklyn.....	Boston.....	4	1
77	" 8	Hartford vs. Boston...	Brooklyn.....	Boston.....	5	3
78	" 8	St. Louis vs. Louisville	St. Louis.....	Louisville.....	10	3
79	" 10	Boston vs. Hartford...	Boston.....	Hartford....	4	2
80	" 11	Boston vs. Hartford...	Boston.....	Hartford....	7	4
81	" 11	Chicago vs. Louisville	Chicago.....	Louisville.....	7	5
82	" 13	Chicago vs. Louisville	Chicago.....	Louisville.....	8	2
83	" 17	Boston vs. Louisville.	Boston.....	Boston.....	6	1
84	" 17	Chicago vs. St. Louis.	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	12	6
85	" 18	Chicago vs. St. Louis.	Chicago.....	Chicago.....	4	3
86	" 20	Hartford vs. Louisv'le	Brooklyn.....	Hartford....	5	0
87	" 21	Hartford vs. Louisville	Brooklyn.....	Hartford....	7	1
88	" 23	Hartford vs. Louisville	Brooklyn.....	Tie.....	1	3
89	" 24	St. Louis vs. Chicago.	St. Louis.....	Chicago.....	4	2
90	" 25	St. Louis vs. Chicago.	St. Louis.....	St. Louis.....	12	2
91	" 25	Boston vs. Louisville.	Boston.....	Boston.....	3	0
92	" 27	Boston vs. Louisville.	Boston.....	Boston.....	6	0

RECORD OF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES—Continued.

Number of Games.	DATE, 1877.	NAMES OF CONTESTANTS.	WHERE PLAYED.	WINNING CLUB.	RUNS SCORED.	
					Win'g Club.	Losing Club.
93	" 28	Boston vs. Louisville.	Boston	Boston.....	4	3
94	" 31	Hartford vs. Louisv'le	Brooklyn.....	Hartford....	6	3
95	Sept. 4	Hartford vs. Chicago..	Brooklyn.....	Hartford....	7	1
96	" 4	Boston vs. St. Louis..	Boston.....	Boston....	7	1
97	" 6	Boston vs. St. Louis..	Boston.....	Boston....	11	2
98	" 8	Boston vs. Chicago....	Boston.....	Chicago....	1	0
99	" 8	Hartford vs. St. Louis	Brooklyn.....	Hartford....	15	6
100	" 11	Hartford vs. St. Louis	Brooklyn.....	St. Louis....	3	0
101	" 11	Boston vs. Chicago....	Boston.....	Boston....	11	9
102	" 12	Hartford vs. St. Louis	Brooklyn.....	St. Louis....	3	2
103	" 13	Boston vs. St. Louis...	Boston.....	Boston....	8	1
104	" 14	Hartford vs. Chicago...	Brooklyn.....	Hartford....	5	2
105	" 15	Hartford vs. Chicago...	Brooklyn.....	Chicago....	4	3
106	" 15	Boston vs. St. Louis...	Boston.....	Boston....	7	2
107	" 17	Boston vs. Chicago....	Boston.....	Boston....	13	5
108	" 18	Hartford vs. St. Louis	Brooklyn.....	Hartford....	7	4
109	" 20	Boston vs. Chicago....	Boston.....	Boston....	7	1
110	" 21	Hartford vs. Chicago.	Brooklyn.....	Hartford....	11	3
111	" 22	Hartford vs. Chicago.	New Haven....	Hartford....	11	9
112	" 26	Boston. vs. Hartford..	Boston.....	Boston....	14	4
113	" 26	Louisville vs. Chicago	Louisville.....	Chicago....	9	6
114	" 27	Louisville vs. Chicago	Louisville.....	Louisville...	9	8
115	" 27	Boston vs. Hartford...	Boston.....	Boston....	13	2
116	" 28	Louisville vs. St. Louis	Louisville.....	Louisville...	3	2
117	" 29	Louisville vs. St. Louis	Louisville.....	Louisville...	4	2
118	" 29	Boston vs. Hartford...	Boston.....	Boston....	8	4
119	Oct. 1	St. Louis vs. Louisville	St. Louis.....	Louisville...	8	1
120	" 2	St. Louis vs. Louisville	St. Louis.....	Louisville...	3	0
121	" 5	Chicago vs. Louisville	Chicago.....	Louisville...	4	0
122	" 6	Chicago vs. Louisville	Chicago.....	Chicago....	4	0

TOTAL NUMBER OF RUNS SCORED, 1,265.

RUNS SCORED BY CLUBS.

Boston.....	321	Opponents.....	221
Louisville.....	248	Opponents.....	218
Hartford.....	268	Opponents.....	255
St. Louis.....	189	Opponents.....	265
Chicago.....	239	Opponents.....	306
Total.....	1,265	Total.....	1,265

Average number of Runs scored per Game by winning Clubs, 7.33.
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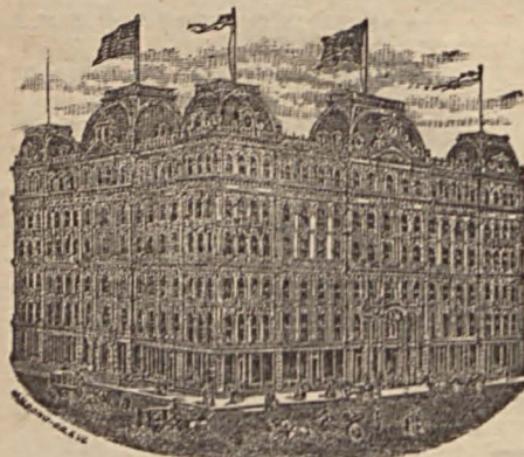
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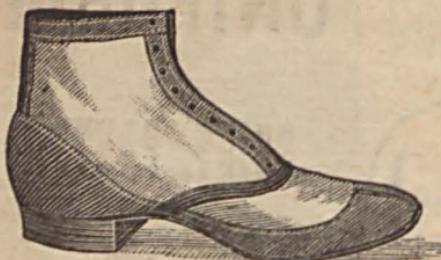
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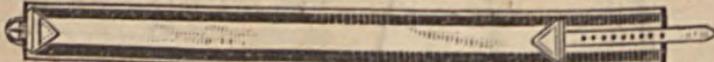
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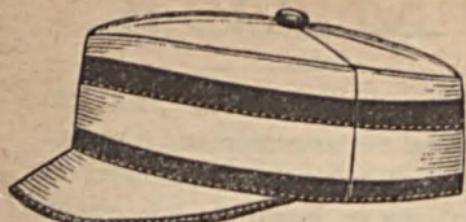
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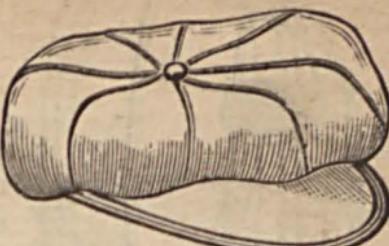
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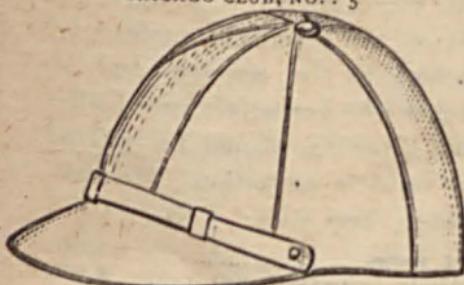
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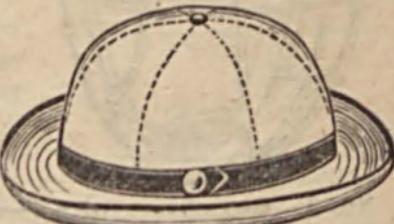
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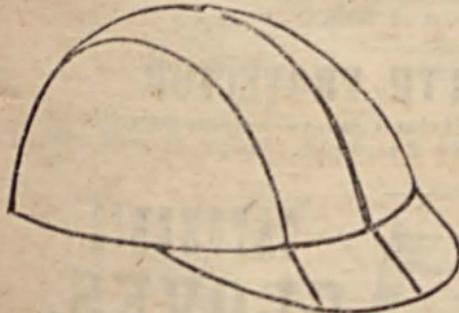
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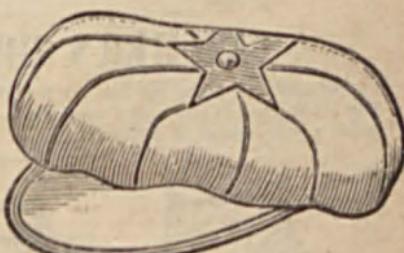
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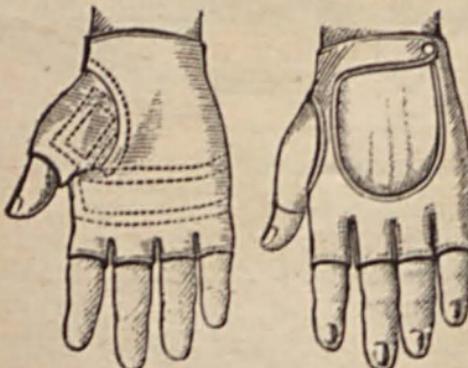
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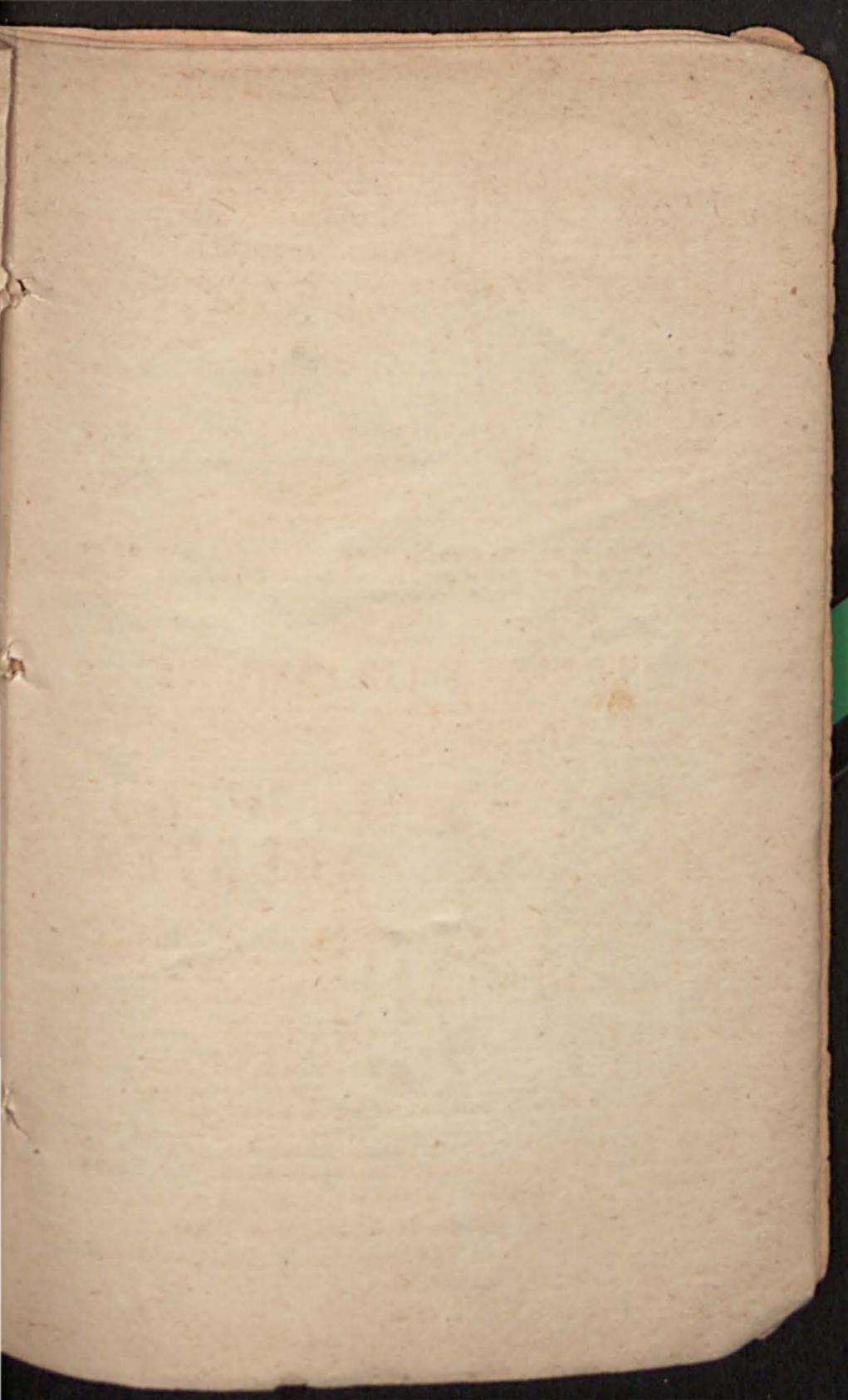
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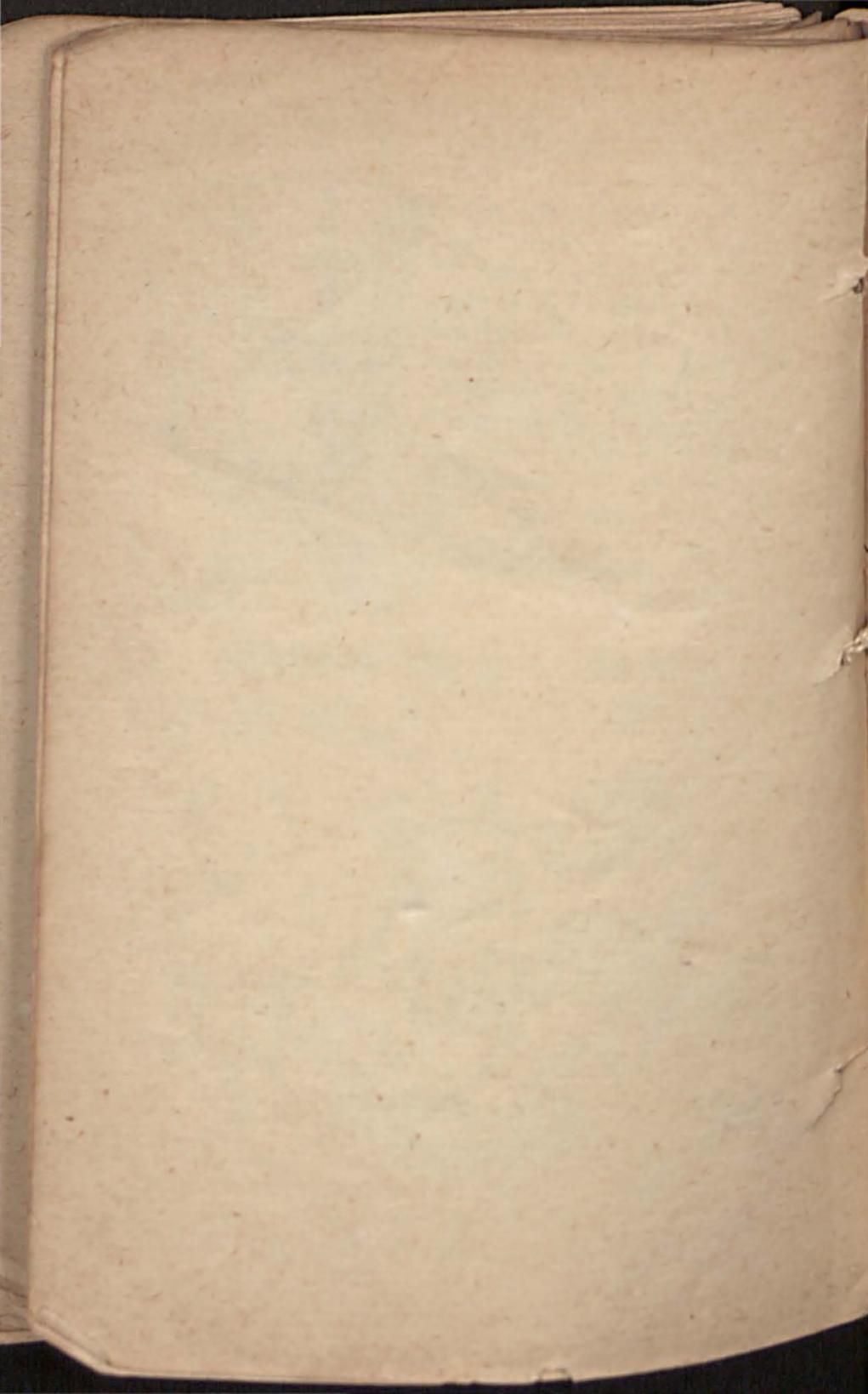
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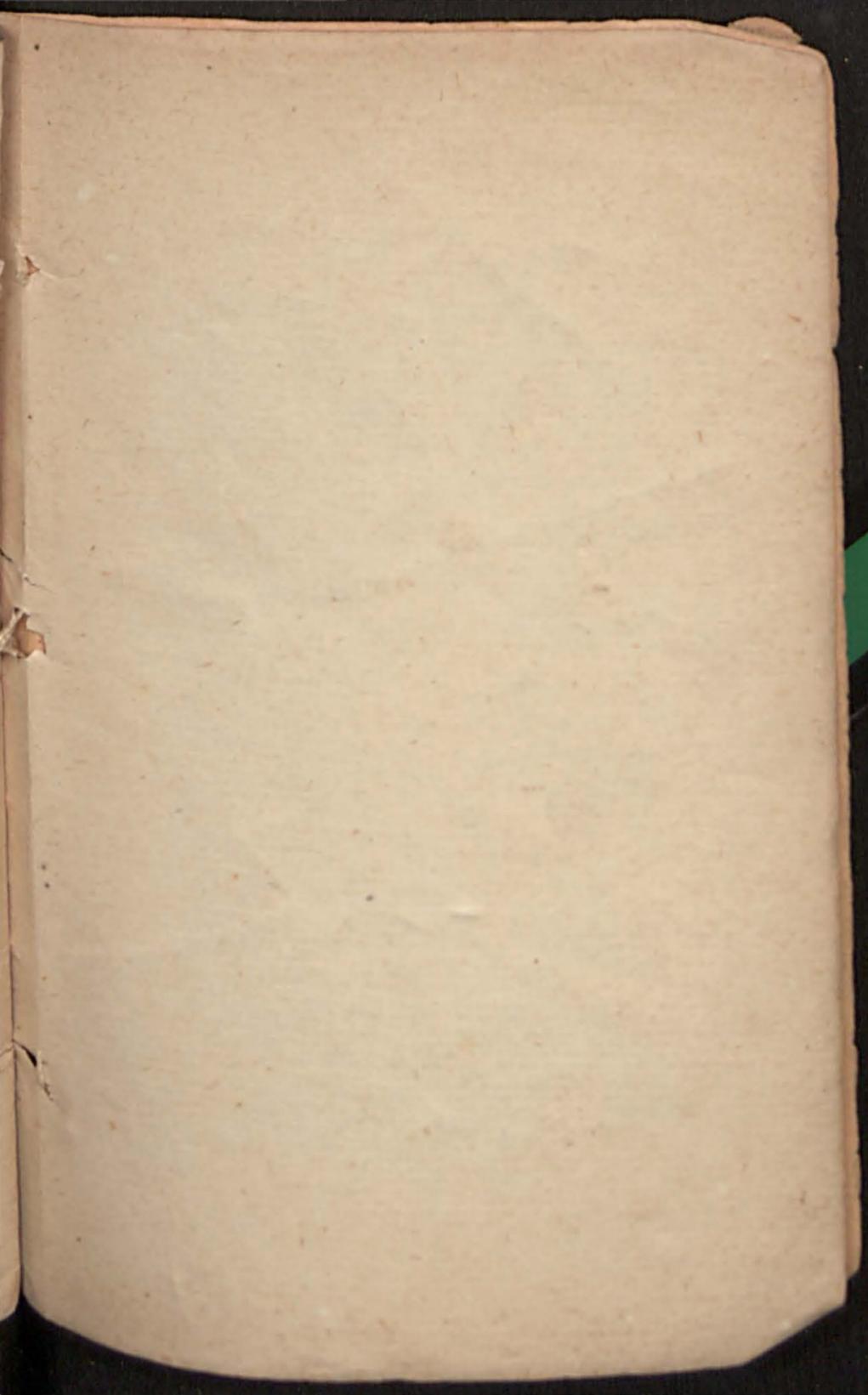
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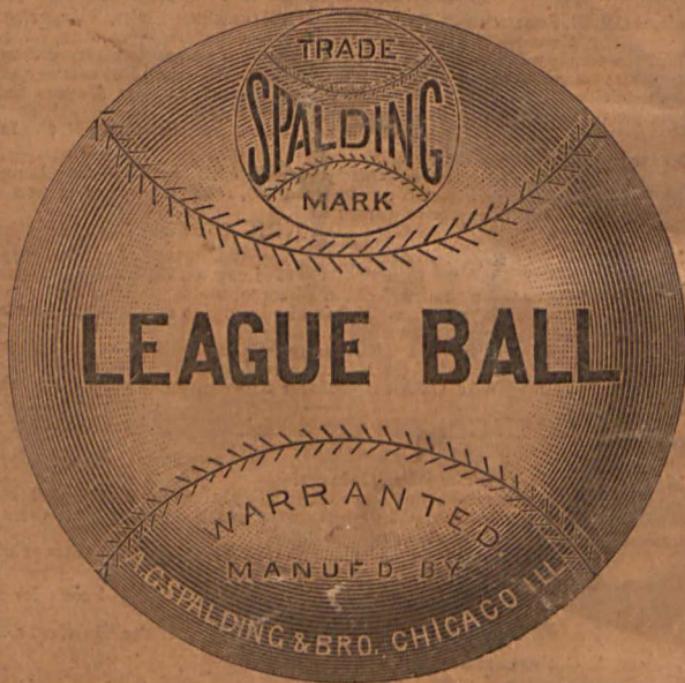
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